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A REPORT

OF THE

RECORD COMMISSIONERS

OF THE

CITY OF BOSTON,

CONTAINING THE

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES FROM 1742-3 TO 1753.

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The Seventeenth Report of the Record Commissioners continues the Records of the Selectmen from January 1, 1742–3, through Dec. 31, 1753.

As was noted in the preface to our last volume, the matters discussed by the Selectmen were mostly of local interest only. Immigrants, as burdens and as agents of infection, were closely scrutinized. Beacon Hill is mentioned, and the town's rights defined. An exhibition of a microscope was licensed in 1747, as also the use of Faneuil Hall in the evening on Coronation Day, "it not to be a precedent." Maj. Thwing's brown bread was fixed at not over one-fifth Indian meal.

The enlargement of King's Chapel, and the building of a new Latin School, are herein recorded.

The orders for Faneuil's funeral and the honors paid to his memory are to be found at the beginning of this volume; and at the end, a vote of thanks to Lord Colvill, commanding a vessel on this station.

In 1747 the expedition to Louisburg caused such a scarcity of wood in the town, owing to lack of wood-cutters and coasting vessels, that leave was asked to import three thousand chaldrons of coal from Cape Breton.

Many other interesting items will reward the reader, especially relating to town lands, lines, and streets.

William H. Whitmore,
For the Record Commissioners.

City Hall, Boston, May 12, 1887.

SEVENTH BOOK OF THE SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

CONTINUED. — W. H. W.

Mem°. January 1, 1742.

The Select men gave a Certificate to the Province Treasurer that there had been paid out of the Town Stock to Sundry Persons for Nine Thousand Two Hundred & Eighty Rats killed in or near this Town since the last day of August, One Hundred & Fifty four [318.] Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four Pence old Tenor & desired him to pay the same to Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. Town Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 5. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke, Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Mary Bailey presenting a Vote of the Selectmen July 1637. Granting a Garden Plot to Ralph Hudson at the End of Thomas Mekins Garden Plot — praying the same may be laid out to her running to a point as She apprehend it ought to do The Deeds or Leases by which it Descended from Hudson not appearing the Consideration of the Affair is defer'd until they are produced in Order to give the Select men farther Light in the affair.

Mr. Robert Logan complains that mr. Halyburton has put up a Sign Post at [319.] The House he lives in (formerly Doct^r. Boylstons) which greatly incommodes the Sight of his Shop.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 12. 1742.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Jonathan Brown is Admitted an Engine man in the room of the room of —— in the Engine kept by the Old North Meeting house where of mr. John Brown is master.

Liberty is Granted to Capt. John Indicott to Dig up the Pavement & Open the Ground in Orange Street in Order to lay a Drain from his House into the Common Shore, Upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement again & keep the same in repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

Ebenezer Lowell presented a Petition Praying Liberty to Sell Butter Flour & other Provisions in the Market House.

[**320.**] Messrs. Pattin Wait & Several others Complained of the Hardships on them by the Select mens allowing Anthony Hodgson Liberty to Sell Provisions in the market.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 19. 1742.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. Jackson the Clerk of the Market is directed to Shut up the market House at Four o'clock in the Afternoon (Except Saturdays) & that no Person be allowed to House their Provisions in the Market of Eben^{r}. Lowell

In answer to the Petition of Eben^{r} Lowell,

Voted, That he be allowed to Sell Provisions Viz^{t}. Flour, Butter, Cheese & Rice (& no other thing in the market house for the Space of One month On the same Conditions & under the same Regulations lately Granted to Anthony Hodgson, & that he Improve the Stall Number Ten on the South Side of the market.

[**321.**] Liberty is Granted to James Jarvis of Roxbury to Improve Two Stalls in the market, Viz^{t}. Number Twenty & Twenty One for One month he Paying Twenty Shillings Old Tenor for each Stall.

Upon the Petition of William Pattin & others Complaining of Sundry abuses in the Market Praying to put the same under a due Regulation.

Voted, That this Petition be Dismissed as Containing Sundry Allegations which are Groundless & Misrepresented

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 26. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke

Ordered, That mr. Savell Warn Samuel Sever and Family (from Dorchester) out of this Town according to Law.

Information being given that John Rider is lately come into this Town from Sherburn & has Opened a Shop at the South end — mr. Savell is directed to enquire after him.

[**322.**] At a meeting of the Select men, Jan. 31. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel

It being Represented to the Select men that the Indulgence Allowed to the People bringing their Provissions to the Market & Staying after the market hours has been Attended with some In-

convenience & to the Dissatisfaction of many of the Inhabitants — Therefore

Voted, That for the future the Clerk be and hereby is directed to Clear the Market at one o'Clock & Shut the Doors.

Ordered, That Roger Hardcastle be Prosecuted for Letting a House to John Rider without giving Notice thereof to the Select men as the Law directs.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Nineteen Shillings old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Twelve pence p. Bushel Allowed for Charges on White Bread, [**323.**] Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on House hold Bread, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2.	5
Wheaten		2.	12½
Household		4.	2
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}.	0.	11

At a Meeting of the Select men Feb. 2. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

John Rider from Sherburn with his Mother Desire to be admitted Inhabitants in this Town & to Open a Shop, he having paid his Fine of Twenty Shillings old Tenor for Opening Shop without Liberty as the Law directs.

Ordered, That he Appear next Wednesday.

Whereas mr. Halyburton has Erected a Sign Post in Cornhill without Liberty from the Select men & Complaints being made thereof by the Neighbours.

[**324.**] Voted That mr. Savell be directed to go to the said Halyburton & Order him to take it down forth with.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk wait on the Assessors for their Lists of the Inhabitants taken the Year Current in Order to put into the Jurors Box such Names as the Town shall think proper to Serve at the Inferiour & Superiour Courts.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace the Gentlemen the Select men & Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston at the Council Chamber on Monday Feb. 7. 1742

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Anth^{o}. Stoddard Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
mr. Thomas Hancock
Capt. John Steel
mr. Middlecott Cooke

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed upon to be attended on Monday the Fourteenth Day of February Current at [**325.**] nine o'clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if not then on Tuesday following the Fifteenth instant, and it is also Agreed to meet at the Council Chamber at Five o'Clock in the Evening of the said Day of Visitation to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth
mr. Samuel Hunt
mr. Richard Buckley
mr. John Gibbs, Constable
Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esqr.
mr. Isaac White
Capt. John Goldthwait
Capt. Nathl. Barber
mr. John Coverly, Constable
Ward, Number Three
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
mr. Peter Thomas
mr. Charles Sigourney, Constable
[**326.**] Ward, Number Four
William Tyler Esqr.
Jacob Royall Esqr.
Capt. Daniel Pecker
mr. Ebenezer Wallis, Constable
Ward, Number Five
The Hon. Anth^{o}. Stoddard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
mr. Thomas Hancock
mr. John Staniford
mr. Josiah Carter Constable
Ward, Number Six
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Oxenbridge Thacher Esqr.
John Ewing Esqr.
mr. Seth Foster, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
Hugh Hall Esqr.
Nathl. Balston Esqr.
Deacon John Phillips
Deacon Jacob Parker
mr. Thomas Fillebrown, Constable
Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
[**327.**] Col^{o}. William Downe
Capt. John Steel
mr. Jacob Sheafe

mr. Charles Dabney, Constable
Ward, Number Nine
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
mr. Middlecott Cooke
mr. Joshua Blanchard
mr. John Howell, Constable
Ward Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Francis Borland Esqr.
mr. William Fairfield
mr. Thomas Hayes, Constable
Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Samuel Sewall Esqr.
mr. Edward Bromfield
mr. William Salter
mr. James Griffin, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. John Taylor
mr. Thomas Snow, Constable

[**328.**] And the Gentlemen are desired to make particular Enquiry after all Inmates & the Persons who have received them in.

The Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above Orders or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 9. 1742.
Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Timothy Winship having received into his House as Tenants Ambrose Hines with his Wife from Cambridge about Six Weeks past & not give notice thereof to the Select men as the Law directs — Voted, That mr. Justice Clarke be desired to Prosecute the said Winship for Breach of Law in that respect.

And Ordered That the said Hines with his Wife be Warned to depart the Town within Fourteen Days.

[**329.**] mr. Halyburton Appeared & Promised to take down his Sign Post within a Fortnight.

Messrs. Harrod Speakman & Feveryear in behalf of themselves & the rest of the Bakers appeared & presented a Petition which was Read, and the Consideration thereof is to refer'd next Wednesday.

Mr. John Johnson (Jack maker) Desires that his negro Boy may have Liberty to Sweep Chimneys in this Town.

Voted, That Liberty be Granted the said Johnson to give Bond to the Town Treasurer as the Law directs

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 16. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke

Mr. Willoughby Appeared & Informed the Select men that the Granary was broke open last Wednesday night, that he Lost Thirty three shillings & four pence in Cash which he had Left there to Pay the Carter of Grain, At the same time Complained that [**330.**] the Doors are much out of Repair.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Clarke & Hancock be desired to See the same put in proper repair.

John Peirce master of the Engine at the Westerly part of the Town presented John Seaborn & Abraham Belknap to be Admitted Engine men, who were accordingly Admitted.

Mr. Nathan Prince appeared & Desired to be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town. And presented a Petition Desiring Liberty to Open a School to teach Young Gentlemen the Mathematicks, Natural Philosophy History &c. which was Read & refer'd to Wednesday next for Consideration.

Mr. Alexander Hunt being present Enquiry was made Whether he had laid open a Lane adjoining to his House which he had inclosed in his Garden, he Said he had not, but Promised it should be opened at any time when the Select men should Order it to be done or that he would Pay an Acknowledgement for the same to the Satisfaction of the Town.

Application being made by the Naval officer that he may have an office in Faneuil Hall, The [**331.**] Select men taking the same in Consideration & Apprehending it may be of Service to the Navigation to have the offices so near together.

Voted, That the office below Stairs on the North Side be Let to the said officer he Paying Five Pounds p annum Lawful money for the same & that mr. Savell acquaint mr. Jackson therewith & See it Cleaned.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 23. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Messrs. William Price, William Taylor & John Comrin appeared & Desired Liberty to put down Posts before their Doors in Cornhill to the approbation of the Selectmen so as to preserve the Way for People to Walk with Safety — Liberty was granted provided it be done to the Approbation of Jonas Clarke Esqr. & mr. Cooke.

[**332.**] A motion made that the Fire arms Cutlasses &c. belonging to the Town House Chamber be forthwith removed to Faneuil Hall for the Towns use.

Voted, That mr. Savell See it done directly & put them up in the West Chamber & deliver the Key to the Town Clerk.

A Motion made by Capt. Steel &c. a Com^{tee}. appointed the 11th. of May last for finishing the Controversys with the Abutters on Fort hill & the Flatts belonging to the South Battery that they want Fifty Pounds Old Tenor to Carry on that affair.

Voted, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the said Sum according to a Vote of the Town.

A Table being wanting in the Select mens Seat in Faneuil Hall for the Clerk to Write on and for Counting of Votes.

Voted, That John Jeffries Esqr. mr. Hancock & mr. Cooke be desired to get One made and provide a Green Cloth to Cover the same.

[**333.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 28. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Voted, That mr. Nathan Prince be Admitted an Inhabitant of this Town according to his Motion made the Sixteenth instant, & that he have Liberty to Open a School in this Town for the Instructing any Persons who are desirous of it, in the following Arts & Sciences, Viz^{t}. In Arithmetick, The Elements of Geometry & Algebra, in Trigonometry & Navigation, In the Arts of Dialling, Surveying, Gauging & other kinds of mensuration; In Astronomy & Geography with the Use of the Globes & in the Several kinds of the Projection of the Sphere As also in the General Principles & Rules of Fortification & Gunnery together with Lectures on History & Natural Philosophy, Agreeable to his Petition presented the Sixteenth instant.

[**334.**] Voted, That the Bounty of Five Pounds Old Tenor be allowed to mr. Urann & Company for their Engines first Working at the Fire which broke out near the Mill Bridge.

Also Voted, That the Bounty of Five Pounds Old Tenor be allowed to mr. John Peirce and Company for their Engines first Working at the Fire which broke out near the orange Tree.

Voted, That Ten Pounds Old Tenor be allow'd and paid to mr. John Savell for his Trouble of Receiving & Paying for Rats Ears since that Act Commenced.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Nineteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Twelve pence p. Bushel allowed for Charges on White Bread, Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread and Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

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of Penny White Loaf		2-	5
Wheaten		2-	12½
House hold		4-	2-
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}.	0-	11

[**335.**] Mem°. The Rent of the Naval Office in the Market house as Let the Sixteenth instant is to Commence on the 26th. of this Month.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 2. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke

The Select men having desired mr. William Salter to give them an Account of the Quantity of Powder belonging to the Town under his Care he returned Answer that there was Forty two half Barrels & nine Pounds in the Powder house.

Mr. William Cuttery with his Wife from London in Sept. last has hired a House of mr. Jeremiah Allen on Wentworths Wharfe & desires to be Admitted an Inhabitant.

Voted, That mr. Allen be Prosecuted.

Mr. James Allen having received a Tenant Contrary to Law.

Voted, That he be Prosecuted.

[**336.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, March, 4. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

The Select men taking into Consideration the Unspeakable Loss the Town has met with in the Death of Peter Faneuil Esqr. a Gentle man who has left such Memorials of his Bounty in his Liberality to this Town as has far exceeded any thing of the like Sort before as well in the handsome House built at his Expence for the Accommodation of the Town in all their Meetings & the Commodious market therein and likewise his many private Donations to those who stood in need thereof as multitudes now living are Sensible off.

Therefore, Voted That His Excellency the Captain General be desired to Suffer the Guns of both Batterys in this Town to be Fired at his Funeral & other Funeral Honours paid [**337.**] That so the Town may shew their great regard to the Memory of so Noble & Generous Benefactor and that mr. Thomas Hancock & Capt. John Steel forthwith wait upon His Excellency with a Copy of this Vote.

Voted, That the Town Clerk wait upon the Relations of Peter Faneuil Esqr. & inform them the Selectmen make them Offer of Faneuil Hall for the Funeral of said Gentleman.

Accordingly the Town Clerk Waited on mr. Faneuil & the other Relations & Acquainted them with the Offer of the Hall from the Select men & Returned Answer that they took the Offer of the

Hall from the Selectmen as a mark of great respect shewed the Deceased but Apprehended it would be Attended with so much Trouble & Inconvenience that they had Determined to Bury him from his own House & returned their Thanks to the Select men for their Offer.

Voted, That a Hatchment with the arms of Peter Faneuil Esqr. be placed at the West End of Faneuil Hall at the Expence of the Town and mr. Hancock & mr. Cooke are desired to See the thing done. [**338.**] and that the Bell on the said House be Tolled from One o'Clock Post Meridiem until the Funeral is over.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Fourteenth of March Current at nine of the Clock in the forenoon; Then & there to Nominate & Choose meet Persons to Serve the Town in Several offices the year ensuing as the Law directs, To Grant such Sums of money as shall be judg'd needful for the relief of the Poor & defraying other necessary Charges, To appoint a master for the North Writing School, To Consider the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Opening the North & South Markets and the further Regulation of Faneuil Hall Market, as also the Salary for the Clerk, To make Choice of a Clerk or Clerks for the same, and to do what [**339.**] may be thought Necessary relating to the Hay Market, To Receive the Reports of Several Committees, And to Act on the List for Jury men & to Return Jurymen for April Court.

Voted, That a Dinner be provided for Forty five Gentlemen on Monday the 14th. Current only, at the Orange Tree, & that Capt. Forsyth & Capt. Steel be desired to give Directions accordingly.

Voted, That Eight Shillings Old Tenor a peice be allowed to the Constables of the Town of Boston in Order to provide a Dinner for themselves on Monday the Fourteenth of March Current, the Day appointed for the Town Meeting.

At a meeting of the Select men, March 9. 1742.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. John Peirce Master of the Engine at the Westerly part of the Town presented mr. John [**340.**] Box as a Suitable Person to be an Engine Man in the room of Thomas Kimball.

Who was accordingly Admitted.

The Gentlemen appointed to Wait on His Excellency the Captain General to desire Liberty of Firing the Guns at the Batterys & other Funeral Honours at the Funeral of Peter Faneuil Esqr. made Report that they had Waited on the Governour & Acquainted him

with their desire who answered that he would shew all respect to that Gentleman, but Apprehended the Firing of the Guns and Lowering the Flagg were only due to one of the Royal Family.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr. delivered the Bonds of Col^{o}. Wendell Col^{o}. Heath & John Read Esqr. that they gave for the Townships bought of the Town, & the Town Clerk was Ordered to receive them & put 'em in his Desk.

Voted, That the Rev^{d}. Dr. Charles Chauncey be desired to Open the Town Meeting on Monday next with Prayer, & that mr. John Lovell be desired to pronounce an Oration to the Town at said meeting on Occasion [**341.**] of the Death of Peter Faneuil Esqr. and that the moderators Seat be then hung with Black Cloth.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 23. 1742.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
mr. Thomas Hancock
mr. middlecott Cooke
Capt. John Steel

Complaint being made that Sarah Magin from Pensilvania came into this Town & has Lodged at a House near the Mill Bridge at One Johnsons a Glover.

Voted, That She be Sent to Roxbury it being the last Town She came from into this Town.

The Petition of mr. Abia Holbrook Praying that he may be appointed Master of the South Writing School in the room of mr. Hicks who is Chosen master of the North Writing School — Read, and

Voted, That the said mr. Holbrook have the Care of that School accordingly.

[**342.**] Mr. Holbrook informs that there is something wanting to be done to Accommodate the School with Forms &c.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Clarke Hancock & Cooke be desired to view the School & See the same be made fit to hold the Boys belonging to it.

Mr. Salter Master of the Engine kept under the Town house, informs that John Wise belonging to his Engine is gone to Sea and there fore presents Abraham Holland to be in his room (if the Select men think fit) —

Voted, That the said Holland be admitted accordingly.

Complaint being made that Eleazer Higgins with his Wife & Six Children who came into this Town some time in September last & Lived in a House hired of mr. Ephraim Bound.

Voted, That the said Bound be Prosecuted for Entertaining the said Higgins & Family Contrary to Law.

Voted That mr. Savell Enquire after One Sarah Young a Woman from Braintree at mr. Turners the Dancing master — mr. Turner being Sent for, appeared & was informed of the Law & desired to look after the Woman.

[**343.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 28, 1743
Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

The Assize of Bread Agreed to be refer'd to next Wednesday & the Clerks of the Market are Ordered then to give their Attendance.

Mr. Savell is Ordered to Notify the Collectors of Taxes to attend next Wednesday & to get an account from the Province Treasurer & Town Treasurer what they are Severally Indebted to them.

Mem^{o}. March 29. 1743

The Select men gave a Certificate to the Province Treasurer that there had been paid, out of the Town Stock to Sundry Persons for Eight Thousand Four Hundred & Ninety four Rats killed in or near this Town since the first Day of January last, one Hundred & Forty One Pounds Eleven Shillings [**344.**] & four pence Old Tenor & desired him to Pay the same to Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. Town Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 30, 1743.
Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Jeffries Hancock & Cooke be a Committee to provide a Frame for the Picture of Peter Faneuil Esqr. Decēd in the best manner they can.

The Ticket Porters Attending according to Order, & being Examined it appears that Number Five has been for some time gone to the East ward, Number Eight Dismissed, Number Ten has never Attended & Numbers Fifteen & Eighteen gone to Sea.

A Motion being made to Supply the Trees that are wanting in the Common.

[**345.**] Voted, That mess^{rs}. Hancock & Cooke be desired to See the same done.

Ordered, That the Assize of Bread now Stated for Direction to the Bakers & Clerks of the Market be as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2-	8
Wheaten		3-	1
House hold		4-	10
Six penny wheaten Loaf	1^{l}-	2-	8

Computed at Sixteen & Six pence old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat

& Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread, Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on House hold Bread allowed for Charges, & the Several Bakers within this Town are Ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first Letters of their Christian names & with the first & Last Letters of their Sirnames, and the Clerks of the Market are directed to make Allowance for Bisket well Baked.

The Clerks of the Market Attended according to order & they are directed to regulate their Walking in such a manner as that One of 'em may be out every Day in the Week and [**346.**] make Report the last Monday of April next of their proceedings herein.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 1, 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Capt. John Goldthwait One of the Collectors of the Taxes for the Year 1742 appeared & proposed Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. and mr. William Merchant for his Bondsmen who were Approved of by the Select men, & accordingly gave Bond with the said Suretys in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful money. A Certificate thereof was given him to the assessors.

Mr. John Staniford another of the Collectors of Taxes for the year, 1742, Appeared & proposed Francis Wells Esqr. & Deacon Jacob Parker for his Bondsmen who were accepted by the Select men, & accordingly gave Bond with the said Suretys in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful money. — A Certificate there of was given him to the assessors.

[**347.**] Mr. Jacob Sheafe the other Collector of Taxes for the year 1742. appeared & proposed mess^{rs}. Robert Patteshall & Gilbert Warner for his Bonds men who were accepted by the Select men & accordingly gave Bond with the said Suretys in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful money.

A Certificate there of was given him to the Assessors.

Mr. Savell is directed to notify m^{r}. Nathl. Wardell to attend next Wednesday relating to his Petition & the Town Vote relating to the Hay market.

At a Meeting of the Select men April 6. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Information being given that John Brown has received into his House Hannah Hughes his Wifes Sister & Two Children of Capt. Baldens from Portsmouth in New Hampshire being Sent for said that about Two months since She came here upon a Visit but is returning p. Capt. Pearson again

[348.] Whereas it has been found very inconvenient for the Butchers & others to put & Sell their large meat at the Westerly end of the Market house.

Its there fore Ordered, That mr. John Staniford the Clerk be & hereby is directed not to Suffer or allow any Person what ever to put or Sell any large meat above the middle Doors, but cause the same to be immediately removed whenever it shall be put there & all Persons Concerned are to Conform accordingly.

Mem°. April 13. 1743.

Liberty is hereby Granted to Mr. David Jenkins to Dig up the Pavement & open the Ground in Ship Street in Order to repair his Drain running from his House into the Common Shore, Upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement again and keep the same in repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 20. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thos Hutchinson Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke

[349.] It being represented that mr. Clarke who was appointed Sealer of Wood at Scarletts Wharfe &c. is now a Sworn Measurer of Coal & Grain, by reason of which he can't give proper attendance for the Sealing of Wood. Voted, That mr. William Larrabee be & here by is appointed Sealer of Wood in his room his Precinct to be Clarkes Wharfe and all the Wharfes to the Northward thereof.

Mr. Stephen Clap with his Wife & two Servants from Scituate desire to be admitted Inhabitants.

Voted, That they be & hereby are admitted accordingly.

Mr. Stephen Clap informs that James Scales from George town about Four Days since came to his House & that at times he is Distracted.

Mr. Scales Appearing was inform'd he must leave the Town in Fourteen Days or be Sent out by an officer.

Complaint being made that notwithstanding the good & Wholsome Laws made for the Regulating Carts Trucks &c. & for preventing Strangers coming among us, so as to be greatly to the Damage of the Town, they are often transgressed, which might be prevented if some proper Person was appointed [350.] to See the said Laws duly Executed.

Therefore Voted, That Thomas Williston be appointed for that Service & that the Town Clerk provide the Town Laws for him and direct him to Attend next Wednesday.

Thomas White appeared & Said that in December last he came from London with Capt. Gutteridge & brought his Wife & one Child with him & has since lodged at Thomas Cole's until Three Weeks past when he hired a House in King Street, & Said that he brought no Substance with him.

Information being made that Thomas Wade in Marshalls Lane

has broke up the Pavement & put down Posts without the Leave of the Select men.

Voted, That he be directed to Attend next Wednesday.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April, 25. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries
Jonas Clarke Esqr
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr
m^{r}. Hancock &
Capt. Steel

[**351.**] Mr. Benj^{a}. Stansbury informs that Mary Hawkins who was born in this Town but lately from Marblehead is come to keep his House for Four or Five Weeks until his Family comes from England & then he Promises to Send her to Marble head again.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings old Tenor P. Bushel for Wheat & Two Shillings on White Bread Six Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}

Of Penny White Loaf	2 – 9
Wheaten	3 – 2½
Household	4 – 11
Six penny wheaten Loaf	1^{l} – 2 – 15.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 27. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Liberty is Granted to Messrs. Knight Leverett, Robert Logan & ——— Roe to put down a Post before each [**352.**] of their Doors in Cornhill in the room of Posts broken down.

Messrs Pierpoint & Baker who have bought the Land near the Neck formerly belonging to Sam. Phillips Esqr. Deced desire the Select men would appoint a time for running the Line between them & the Town.

Voted, That the Select men Attend that Service on Saturday next at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

Mr. Thomas White attending again & being informed that in Conformity to the Law he must give Bond to Indemnify the Town from any Charge from him or his Family for Five years, he offered m^{r} Thomas Cole for his Bonds man who was Accepted — & Voted. that upon their giving Bond in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Lawful money to Indemnify the Town the said White & Family be admitted Inhabitants & that he have Leave to Open a Shop in this Town.

The Town Clerk presented a Precept under the Hand of Edward Winslow Esqr Sheriff of the County of Suffolk for assembling the Town according to Law to Elect One or more Persons to Serve for & Represent them in a Great and [**353.**] General Court or

Assembly to be Convened on Wednesday the 25th. of May next & so De Die in Diem during their Session & Sessions.

Voted, That the Consideration of the same be had tomorrow at Four o'Clock in the afternoon and that mr. Savell inform the Select men not present of the same

Mr. John Staniford One of the Collectors of the Taxes informing that he had received from the assessors Several Rate Bills for gathering of Taxes of Jarvis & Sundry others for bringing meat to the market — The Selectmen apprehending the same to be Contrary to the Law & may be of great Damage to the Inhabitants of the Town think it their Duty to talk with the Assessors before the Tickets be delivered, & accordingly mr. Savell is directed to acquaint the Assessors that the Select men desire to meet them at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday next.

Whereas Liberty was granted to mr. William Speakman & mrs. Hamilton October 25, 1737, to break up the Ground in Marlborough Street to lay a Drain Upon Condition that they forthwith repair the Ground to the Satisfaction of the Select men [354.] Which they have not yet done & by reason of which the Street is much incommoded.

Voted, That mr. Savell be directed to Acquaint them that if the Street be not repaired within Seven Days that they shall be Prosecuted in the Law.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 28, 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majesty's Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings p. annum of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least or other Estate to the Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the Fourth Day [355.] of May next at nine o'Clock in the Forenoon then & there to Elect & Depute One or more Persons (being Freeholders & Resident in the Town) according to the Number Set & Limited by an act of the General Assembly; To Serve for & Repre- them in a Great & General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty fifth Day of May next ensuing & so De Die in Diem during their Session & Sessions according to a Warrant under the hand & Seal of Edward Winslow Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing Date the Twenty fifth Day of April In the Sixteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, anno Domini 1743.

And in like manner Requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders

& other Inhabitants of the said Town Qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time & place, To Grant such Sum or Sums of Money as may be needful for the Relief of the Poor & defraying other necessary Charges, To Receive the Reports of Several Committees, & to act on such other Affairs as was refer'd to this meeting, To return Jury men for July Court & Choose Grand Jury men for the Year.

[**356.**] Voted, That the Rev^{d}. mr. Andrew Eliot be desired to Open the Town Meeting with Prayer & Thos. Hutchinson. Esqr. & Capt. Steel are desired to wait on m^{r}. Eliot to inform him thereof.

The Question being put, Whether there should be a Dinner provided on the Day appointed for the Town meeting; by the Vote there was Three yeas & Three Nays.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 2, 1743.
Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.

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Complaint being made that the North & West Engines are out of Repair.

Voted, That Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. & Capt. Steel be desired to See the North Engine repaired & that Jonas Clarke Esqr. & mr. Hancock be desired to See the repairing of the West Engine.

Mr. John Potter according to Direction Attending the Select men have agreed that [**357.**] the said Potter Shall attend the Engine for Weighing of Hay on Saturdays & other times when mr. Wardell is Absent, for which he is to have Three pence p. hundred, & the other penny to go to said Wardell, the said Potter giving Security to the Town Treasurer for the faithful Performance of that Trust to the approbation of the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 11. 1743.
Present
Jonas Clarke Esq.
Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. Joseph Marion delivering to the Select men the following Demand in Writing, Viz^{t}.

To the Select men of the Town of Boston, Gentlemen,

At the Instance & request of mrs. Mary Auchmuty, I desire you'l be pleased to favour me with a Copy of mr. Christopher Kilbys Letter to You directed relating to Robert Auchmuty Esq. which Letter was Read and [**358.**] Communicated to the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston on the fourth instant at their meeting in Faneuil Hall in Boston aforesaid.

yours

Boston, May 11, 1743. Jos. Marion, Not^{rc}.Pub^{cus}.

The Select men returned for answer that they had Understood divers ways that mr. Ludgate was Solliciting for an Appeal and that mr. Auchmuty was Assisting him but these Accounts were not matter of Record with them & they could order him no Copys.

Capt. John Indicotts Petition for Liberty to Erect a Wooden Building in Orange Street. Read & the Selectmen Consent to it.

Mr. Dabney informs that One John Bird who came over Sailor in a Schooner from Barbadoes Job Pinkum Master, was at the House of Mary Foreland in milk Street & mrs. Foreland attending desired care might be taken of the said Bird he being Poor Sick & Lazy.

Ordered That mr. Savell be directed to See that the said Bird forthwith depart the Town.

Agreed & Ordered That the Several Clerks of the market, for their extraordinary time & Care in Attending their Business, Agreeable to [**359.**] A Vote of the Town Impowering the Select men to make Special Allowance, be allowed the Sums respectively Affixed to their names in Bills of the Old Tenor, Viz^{t}.

m^{r}. Benj^{a}. Babbidge	8 Days @	14/ - - - - -	£5. 12
m^{r}. ——— Simpson	9 - - -	14/ - - - - -	6. 6
m^{r}. Samuel Jackson	7 - - -	14/ - - - - -	4. 18
m^{r}. ——— Simpson	7 - - -	14/ - - - - -	4. 18
m^{r}. Benj^{a}. Goldthwait	4 - - -	14/ - - - - -	2. 16
m^{r}. John Collson	4 - - -	14/ - - - - -	2. 16

Mr. Joshua Blanchard Appearing on acco^{t}. of the Wall of the Towns Warehouse in Merchants Row, the Select men proposed to him that if mr. Wentworth would be at the whole Charge of Carrying up the Wall above the present Eves of the Towns Warehouse & make the Roof of said Ware house tight & good, the Town would Relinquish their Claim to the part of the Wall below the Eves.

Ordered, That mr. Gibbons be Prosecuted for receiving Sarah Wilkinson & Daniel Hadin as Inmates Contrary to Law & that John Brown be likewise Prosecuted for receiving Hannah Hughes a Woman from Portsmouth

[**360.**] Ordered, That mr. Savell take Care that no Persons set up their Tents on the next Training Day along by the Trees in the Common or by the Sides of the Granary or Work house fence, & that mr. Williston Attend with him.

Voted, That Samuel Maclane be admitted an Inhabtant & have leave to Open a Coopers Shop in this Town, provided mr. Joshua Richardson be Bound with him to the Town Treasurer in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds to Indemnify the Town from any Charge for Five years as the Law directs.

Voted, That the Towns Shop adjoining to the South Market be Let to mr. Joshua Richardson for a Coopers Shop at the Rate of Ten Pounds old Tenor p. annum, he fitting up the same.

The Select men being informed that mr. Benjamin Hallowell had taken off Turf from Fort hill.

Ordered, That mr. Savell take Care that he be Prosecuted therefor upon the Town Law made in the year 1701.

[**361.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 18. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Samuel Waldo Esqr. informs that mrs. Jane Woodside with Six Children is come into this Town from Pemaquid & has hired a House of him in Wings Lane & has brought no Substance with her.

Voted That they be Admitted Inhabitants of this Town, provided mr. Waldo & mr. William Hall give Bond to the Town Treasurer in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Lawful Money to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon their acco^{ts} for Five years as the Law directs.

Mr. Benj^{a} Russell informs that Moses Richardson who was born at Woburn & Served an Apprenticeship at Roxbury, is come to Lodge & Work with him, but has brought no Substance with him.

Voted, That the said Richardson be Admitted an Inhabitant provided mr. Russell become [**362.**] Bound with him to the Town Treasurer in the Sum of Fifty Pounds to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon his Acco^{t} for Five years as the Law directs.

Mr. Potter informs that according to the Directions of the Select men he Waited on mr. Wardell & acquainted him that he had their Orders to attend the Engine for Weighing of Hay on Saturdays & other Days when he the said Wardell could not attend allowing him One penny p. hundred for the Use of the Engine, he gave for answer that the Select men had no Business with it & he should not have any regard to them, mr. Potter farther informs that on those Days the Engine is Attended by Wardells Wife and Sister.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 30. 1743.

Present

Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

[**363.**] Mr. Samuel Browns Petition for Liberty to Erect a Wooden Building in Prince Street was Read and Consented to by the Select men.

Mr. Jon^{a} Salter master of the Engine kept under the Town House appeared & desired that William Perkins might be admitted into the said Engine in the room of mr. Price if the Select men think fit.

Voted, That he be Admitted accordingly.

Mr. Jon^{a} Salter informed that the Engine under his Care was first bro't to Work at the Fire which broke out at Capt. Davis's House in School Street & desired that the Premium of Five Pounds Old Tenor granted by the Town might be Allowed them.

Voted, That a Draft be made on the Treasurer next Draft Day for the same.

Sarah Winslow informs that Capt. Cunningham imported Ann Holden into this Town from Ireland & that She is now at her House big with Child and hath brought nothing with her — mr. Savell is directed to Prosecute [**364.**] the said Cunningham for not giving Bond to indemnify the Town from any Charge upon her Acco^{t}. as the Law directs Except he do the same forthwith.

Mr. Stephen Clap informs that One Sarah Walker who is lately come into this Town from Piscataqua is now at his House.

Mr. Savell is directed to Notify her to Attend next Wednesday.

Liberty is hereby granted to mr Joseph Calef to Dig up the Pavement & Open the Ground in Tanners Lane & Milk Street in Order to lay a Drain running from his Tan yard into the Common Shore upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement again & keep the same in repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Select men

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 1. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke and
Capt. Steel

[**365.**] Mrs. Henrietta Maria East Appeared & desired Liberty to Open a Milners Shop in Marlbro' Street in this Town — She informed that She came from London in Capt. m^{c}Daniel & that She had brought with her to the Value of Fifty Pounds Sterling — Voted That Liberty be granted her accordingly.

Mr. Henry Gibbon informs that he has received into his House as an Inmate one John Marshall from Roxbury — Ordered That mr. Savell direct the said Marshall to Attend next Wednesday.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June, 8th 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Hugh Kennedy & Caleb Parker desiring Liberty to build two Tombs in the North Burying place — Voted That Liberty be accordingly granted they performing the [**366.**] Conditions formerly granted, Viz^{t}. Build the Wall & keep the same in repair to the Approbation of the Select men for the time being.

Mr. Hicks informs that he has under his Instruction at the North Writing School One Hundred & Sixty Scholars which number is more than he can properly Attend & prays that he may have an Usher Allowed him & Recommends mr John Proctor Junr. or mr. Varney if it be Agreeable to the Select men.

Jeremiah Jones from Bridgewater appearing Said that he married One mrs. Basset at Bridgewater about Twelve years since where She & her Relations dwell & that he is a Hatter by Trade, but has had the misfortune of loosing One of his hands so that he is uncapable of working at his Trade & has not where withall to

Support himself & prays that he may be received into the Alms house or some Care taken of him, he Saith that some years since Viz^{t}. 1735 he was put into the Alms-house [**367.**] by the Select men of Bridgewater at the Province Charge, from whence he broke out and went to his Wife at Bridgewater — The Select men Acquainted him with the Law that he must depart the Town or be Sent out by a Constable.

It being the Usual time for the Visitation of the Schools Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town, pursuant to the Vote & Order of the Inhabitants at their Annual meeting the 14th. of March last be Attended on Wednesday the Twenty Second of June Current & that the following Gentlemen be desired to Accompany the Select men in the said Visitation Viz^{t}.

The Hon. John Osborne Esqr.
The Hon. John Read Esqr.
The Hon. Stephen Sewall Esqr.
The Hon. Thomas Cushing Esqr.
The Rev. Charles Chauncey D.D.
The Rev. mr. William Welsteed
The Rev. mr. Samuel mather
The Rev. mr. Andrew Eliot
[**368.**] Daniel Henchman Esqr.
m^{r}. Timothy Prout
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
James Bowdoin Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Henry Frankland Esqr.

Ordered, That mr. Savell give Seasonable notice to the Several Gentlemen of this Appointment, & that they be desired to meet at Faneuil Hall at nine o'Clock in the morning of said Day, & that mr. Savell Acquaint the Several schoolmasters there with.

Information being given that the Carters are digging away the Gravel from the Northeast part of Centry or Beacon hill, by which the good Ends of the Hill granted to the Town 1660 by Robert Turner of Six Rod Square (as p. Record in the Town Book N°. 2 page 10) will be frustrated.

Voted, That mr. Savell be directed to forbid their proceeding & to prosecute the Carters that have Carried off the same.

[**369.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 15. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. Thomas Baker Wheelwright from Roxbury with his Wife Two Children & Two Apprentices desired to be admitted Inhabitants of this Town & he informs that he hath Purchased half the Estate of Gillam Phillips Esqr. by the Fortification — Voted That they be admitted accordingly.

Voted, That there be a Dinner provided for the Gentlemen that

Visit the Schools the next Week at the Orange tree & that mess^{rs}. Hancock & Cook be desired to agree for the same at the Cheapest Rate they can not to exceed Ten Shillings p. man.

Mr. Aaron Boardman Appearing on acco^{t}. of his taking an Indian Woman into his House, who was of an ill fame & is since Dead & [**370.**] Being Buried by the Town, he Promised to Pay all the Charge, Upon his doing of which & Paying the fine of Forty Shillings Ordered that the Prosecuting against him be dropt.

Mr. Abijah Adams is appointed for to Collect the money due to mrs. Dyre for the Cows going on the Common.

Voted, That Thomas Williston be put in as a Watchman at the Town House Watch in the room of John Chambers & that ——— Pimm be put in a Watchman at the South watch in the room of Thomas Williston & that Nathl. Roalston be a Watch man at the Town House Watch in room of Clement Parchard & that Isaac Herault be a Watch man at the Dock watch in the room of William Thorn.

Voted, That mr. Thomas Williston be & hereby is Appointed One of the Grave diggers in this Town in the room of John Chambers who is gone out of the Countrey.

Voted, That mr. Savell inform the Several Watchmen within the Town that they are directed and Ordered in a moderate Tone to Cry the time [**371.**] of night and give acco^{t} of the Weather as they Walk their Rounds from the Watch Houses after Twelve o'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen June 27. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Voted, that the Posts before the old Brick meeting house be removed to be Set nigh on the Line with the Posts by mr. Price &c.

The Select men on Wednesday last the Twenty Second instant according to Appointment Visited the Publick Schools in this Town, being accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^{t}.

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At a Meeting of the Select men June 29th. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r} Hancock
m^{r} Cooke
Capt Steele

Mary Bailey Appeared & delivered up Two Keys of the Cupboards put up in the market by Anthony Hodgsdon.

Voted, That Patrick Campbell be a Watchman [**373.**] at the Dock Watch house in the room of William Thom.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread, Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 –	9
Wheaten		3 –	2½
Household		4 –	11
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}	2 –	15

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 1. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name Requiring them forthwith [**374.**] To Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) duly Qualified as the Law directs to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the Eighth of July Current at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon then & there to Consider & Determine whether they will lay any Tax or Duty on Coaches Chaise &c. in Order to keep the neck in repair, and also to return Jurymen for August Court.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen July 5. 1743.

Present.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock

Messrs. Thornton and Fosdick being present with some of the Abutters on Green Lane, relating to the Paving of the said Lane, they agreed to Undertake the same and to find all at Seven Shillings Old Tenor p yard the Towns part to be Abutters according to the Town Vote.

[**375.**] At a Meeting of the Select men July 13. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thos Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Steel

Mr. Holbrook Master of the South Writing School appeared & Represented to the Selectmen that his School increases so fast

having above One Hundred & Fifty Constant Scholars, that he is Straitned for room and is not Able alone to Attend the Business of the School & Prays he may have help & the School enlarged.

Mr. Thomas Baker from Roxbury desires leave to Open a Shop in this Town, he being admitted an Inhabitant here.

Voted, That Liberty be granted accordingly.

mess^{rs}. Forsyth Hutchinson & Steel are desired to take Care that the Gutters & Paving in Fish Street be mended.

[**376.**] At a Meeting of the Select men July 25. 1743.

Present.

Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Mr. William Greenleaf appeared & Agreed to look after & provide Food for the Bulls on the Common for Two or Three months to be Allowed therefor what shall be thought reasonable.

Ordered, That Mary Spencer a Woman from Albany & Jeremiah Jones a One handed man from Bridgewater be forthwith Sent out of Town.

Voted, that in as much as the Town Ordered the money due from the Sale of the Three Townships should be paid into the Town Treasury to be Applied to repairing the Batterys & a Considerable part of said money still remains in the hands of the Gentlemen who Purchased the Towns — That therefore the Town Clerk be directed in the name of the Select men to demand immediate Payment of such Sums as are still behind & unpaid.

[**377.**] Ordered, That the Town Clerk past up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread, Six Shillings on Wheat & Two Shillings & Six pence on House hold Bread allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 –	9
Wheaten		3 –	2½
House hold		4 –	11
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}	2 –	15

Richard Allen a Sailor who came from Providence in Capt. Rouse & has been taken by the Spaniards being now very Sick and having nothing to Support himself with was on the 23d of July instant Recommended by the Selectmen to the Overseers of the Poor to be taken into the Alms-house at the Charge of the Province.

Mem^{o} July, 26. 1743.

The Select men gave a Certificate to the Province Treasurer that there had been paid out of the Town Stock to Sundry Persons for Four Thousand Six Hundred & Seventy One Ratts killed in or near this Town since the 29th of [**378.**] March last, Seventy-seven Pounds Seventeen Shillings Old Tenor & desired him to Pay the same to Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. Town Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 27. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esq.
Thos Hutchinson Esq.
m^{r} Hancock
m^{r} Cooke
Capt. Steel

Voted, That mr. Hancock & mr Cooke be desired to View the Gun house in the Common with Joshua Henshaw Esqr. & that they Report thereon.

Ordered, That the Watch men be directed to Attend here next Wednesday at Four o'Clock in the Afternoon & until that time they are to take up all Negroes that are out after Ten o'Clock at night.

Samuel Waldo Esqr hath Liberty to use one of the Engine Hose to fill some Water Casks, provided one of the Engine men Attend the filling of [**379.**] them & that there be no Damage done to the Hose.

Voted, That Capt. Steel be desired take some Care of John Hatton a Stranger who is very poor & Sick.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 28, 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esq.
Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

The Select men being informed that mr. Joseph Marion had Something to Communicate he was Admitted with Two Persons Attending of him, he then Acquainted the Select men that he had in his hands two Orders of His Majesty in Council on the Petition of Abraham Francis, John Jones & Hannah his Wife and an Order of the Right Honourable the Committee of Council for hearing of appeals from the Plantations of which he deliver'd a Copy to John Jeffries Esq. Capt. Alex^{r}. Forsyth, Jonas Clarke & Thomas Hutchinson Esq^{rs}. and Read the original and then withdrew.

Upon hearing the same it Appearing by said orders that His Majesty was pleased by his order in Council the 25th. of April 1743, on the Petition of appeal of Abraham Francis, John Jones and Hannah his Wife from a Judgment of the Superiour Court of Judicature in Boston on the Eighth of August 1738, were it was adjudged that John Jeffries, Jonathan Armitage, David Collson, Alexander Forsyth, Caleb Lyman, Jonas Clarke, & Thomas Hutchinson Select men of Boston should recover of the Petitioners the Possession of a Parcel of Land with Cost of Courts (as in the Petition is fully set forth) to which appeal the Petitioners were Admitted, & that their Lordships were pleased to Order that the said Appeal be heard at

the first meeting of the Committee in November next at which time all Partys concerned are not to fail coming prepared to be heard by their Council learned in the Law.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to issue forth a Warrant to the Constables of the Town of Boston for Assembling the Town to meet at [**381.**] Faneuil Hall on Fryday the Fifth of August next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to Consider & do what may be necessary to be done in the affair. And that the following Ticket be printed for the Inhabitants, Viz^{t}.

The Selectmen of the Town of Boston having been Served with a Copy of an Order of His Majesty in Council granting a hearing upon the appeal of Abraham Francis & others in the late Causes between them and the said Town of Boston in November next.

The Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town are therefore hereby notified to meet at Faneuil Hall on Friday the Fifth of august next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to Consider and Determine what is proper for the Town to do in the affair.

Boston, July 28th. 1743.

Voted, That John Jeffries & Thomas Hutchinson Esq^{rs}. be desired to wait on His Excellency and Acquaint him that they had received the above orders.

[END OF THE SEVENTH VOLUME.]

EIGHTH BOOK

OF THE

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 3, 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esq.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esq.
mr. Thomas Hancock
Capt. John Steel

Mrs. Sarah Todd appeared & desired Liberty to Bake Bread & Bisket within this Town for Sale which is hereby Granted, She Conforming herself to the assize Set by the Select men from time to time as the Law directs.

Mr. William Waters appeared & agreed with the Selectmen to keep the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island for the year ensuing at Fifty Pounds p. Annum according to the last agreement bearing Date the Twenty Eighth Day of July, 1742.

Voted, That the Town Clerk be desired to draw writings accordingly.

Voted, That Liberty be & hereby is Granted to [2.] mr. Belthazer Bayard to bake Bread called French Bread for one month, provided the Weight of a Fifteen Penny Loaf be Two Pounds Seven Ounces.

Voted, That the Hon. John Jeffries Esq. & mr. Hancock be desired to Wait on His Excellency the Governour & acquaint him with the Citation the Select men have been Served with to answer to messrs Francis & Jones &c. at Whitehall in November next, & beg the favour of him to give his advice in the said Affair.

Liberty is hereby granted to mr. Daniel Bell to build Two Tombs on the Westerly line in the North Burying place he performing the Conditions of former Grants.

The Watchmen Appeared according to Order who were directed to meet at their respective Watch houses at Nine o'Clock every night & to take up all rude and disorderly Negroes as the Law directs & to make Report thereon to the Select men on the last monday of this month.

[3.] Voted, That no Petitions for Licenses be Reconsidered by the Selectmen for this year.

Voted, that mess^{rs} Jeffries & Cooke be desired to See the East End of the Town house put in repair and other necessary repairs, within Side done in the best manner they can.

Voted, that the Rev^{d} Dr. Sewall be desired to open the Town meeting on Friday next with Prayer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 17, 1743.

Present
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That mr. Savell Warn Capt. John Woodbridge who lately came into this Town from Salem to depart the Town in Fourteen Days as the Law directs.

Ordered, That mr. Savelle enquire after a Family which One Richardson in Back Street has taken [4.] Into his House from the Countrey, & notify the said Richardson to appear next Wednesday.

John Heaton a Sailor & Mary Spencer a Woman from albany, being Strangers & both Sick & having nothing to Support themselves were Recommended by the Select men to the Overseers of the Poor to be taken Care of in the alms house at the Province Charge.

Ordered, That mr. Savell Warn the Widdow Higgins & her Children to depart the Town in Fourteen Days as the Law directs.

Ordered, That Richard Welcom who lately came into this Town from Ipswich with his Wife & having no Substance that they be Warned to depart this Town in Fourteen Days or give Security as the Law directs.

Mr. Treasurer Foye desires Liberty to house a Quantity of Grain in the Granary for the use of the Province.

Voted, That Liberty be granted accordingly if there be room, he paying Customary Charges & Storage for the same.

[5.] Col^{o} John Hill appeared & informed that Essex Street was much out of repair & desired that the Select men would View the same put it into Suitable repair —— Voted, that Jonas Clarke Esqr and Mr. Cooke be desired to view the same & Report thereon next Wednesday.

John Mills with his Wife and four Children from Salem are admitted Inhabitants provided mr. Edward Jackson be Bound with him to the Town Treasurer in One Hundred Pounds Lawful money to indemnify the Town as the Law Directs.

Voted, That the Towns Warehouse now in the occupation of mess^{rs}. Dennie & Gray be Slated & that m^{r}. Fosdick be desired to provide Slate for the same as soon as possible & that mess^{rs}. Forsyth Hutchinson Hancock & Cooke be a Committee to See the same effected.

Voted, That Capt. Forsyth & Capt. Steel be a Committee to

See the Fence repaired at the North Writing School, And that mr. Cooke be desired to See the Fence repaired at the North Writing School, and that mr. Cooke be desired to See the Fence at mr. Lovells School repaired.

[6.] Voted that mr. John Procter Junr. be Usher to mr. Zech^{a}. Hicks master of the North Writing School for One Month upon Tryal.

Voted, That the Platform adjoining to Mr. Billing's Shop at the Dock be taken down it being very defective & rotten as set forth in a Petition of mr. Charles Apthrop & Ten other Gentlemen presented this Day, & that mess^{rs}. Hutchinson & Hancock be a Committee to Effect the same & that the Plank be Secured for the Use of the Town.

Boston August 23. 1743.

Whereas the Petitions of Sundry Persons for Licence to Sell Strong Drink both as Innholders & Retailers have been presented to the Selectmen & at several meetings by them Considered — A List of their Names & the Street where each Person dwells, with the Actings of the Select men on said Petitions is here Recorded as follows, Viz^{t}.

Innholders Approved & Recommended Viz^{t}.

	Andrew Halyburton	Cornhill
	Mary Honeywell	Lynn Street
[7.]	Samuel Jackson	Long Wharf
	Samuel Wethered	King Street

Retailers Approved & Recommended Viz^{t}.

	Martha Caldwell	Wentworths Wharf
	John Girot	——— ———- Street
	Mercy Gibbert	Hanover Street
	John Hogg	Cambridge Street
	Sarah Hansard	Long Lane
	Hannah Kiggell	South End
	Joseph Lowden	Cornhill
	Mercy Morris	King Street
	Samuel May	King Street
	Francis Righton	Ann Street
	John Underwood	Middle Street
	Margaret Williamson	Middle Street
	William Wheeler	Marlbro' Street
	Rachel Watkins	Moon Street

Inholders Disallowed, Viz^{t}.

	Phillip Gatcombe	Marlbro' Street
	James Williams	Long Wharfe

Retailers Disallowed, Viz^{t}.

	Samuel Bailey	Williams's Court
[8.]	Cornelius Campbell	Cold Lane
	Margaret Dalrymple	Orange Street
	John Grainger	——— ———
	Thomas Gyles	Essex Street
	Phillip Godfrey	Olivers Street
	Joseph Harris	Ship Street
	Elizabeth Hinche	Green Lane

William Maxwell	South Street
Isaac Orr	South Street
John Quigg	Pitts's Wharf
John Rogers	Middle Street
James Robinson	North Street
James Carroll Tabb	Ann Street
George Wells	Mackerel Lane

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 24, 1743.

Present.

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr
Jonas Clark Esqr.
Thomas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Voted, That mr. Hancock be desired to provide Six Chairs for the Selectmens Chamber in Faneuil Hall.

[**9.**] The Committee appointed to View Essex Street as Entred the 17th. instant — Reported that it is absolutely necessary to be repaired, And are of Opinion the easiest way to effect the same would be by taking away a Bank along by mr. Boylstons Land & desired the Select men would Order the Bank to be taken away — And the Select men having Viewed the same Ordered it to be done by the Free Negroes.

Voted, That Job Whipple who lately came from Ipswich depart the Town in Fourteen Days as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug 29.1743.

Present.

The Hon John Jeffries Esqr
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Upon a motion made & Seconded

Voted, That mr. Savell in the Name of the Select men desire His majesty's Justices of this Town to afford their Company in the Council Chamber on the [**10.**] First Day of September next at Six o'Clock in the afternoon in Order to Consider of & agree upon the time for Setting a Ward upon the Neck on the Lords Days as has been Customary at this time of the year.

Voted, That another Draft of Fifty Pounds old Tenor be drawn on Town Treasurer in favour of Capt. Steel &c. a Committee for finishing the Controversys with the abutters on Fort hill & the Flatts belonging to the South Battery.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread Six Shillings on Wheaten

Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2	9
wheaten	3	2½
Household	4	11
Six penny wheaten Loaf	1[l] - 2	15

Voted, That Capt. John Larrabee have Liberty to Build a Tomb in the North Burying place on the Northwest Side next to that granted to mr. Parker he performing the Conditions of former Grants.

Voted, That John Jeffries Esqr. & mr. Hancock be a Committee to repair & do what they think necessary to Wilsons Lane.

[**11.**] Voted, That Ten Pounds Old Tenor be given to mr. William Bollan for the Service he hath done the Town in the Case of Wilsons Lane & the Case between Brown & Calef & that mr. Goldthwait be desired to pay him the same.

Voted, That the Abutters on the Neck be Prosecuted to next October Court for not keeping the High Way in repair, & that Capt. Forsyth & mr. Hutchinson be a Committee to effect the same.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His majestys' Justices of the Peace & the Selectmen of the Town of Boston, September 1. 1743.

A Ward on Boston Neck upon the Lords Days was then Ordered & appointed from & after the Date hereof until the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive, as has been Customary heretofore, And a Warrant was issued accordingly & is in the Words following, Viz^{t}.

Boston ss. To each & every of the Constables of the Town of Boston, Greeting

Whereas by an Act of the Great & General Court passed in the Eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William III Intitled an Act [**12.**] for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted That from time to time when & so often as Military Watch shall not be Ordered & appointed to be kept, the Justices of the Peace, together with the Selectmen of each Town within this Province are Impowered & Authorized to direct & Order a Suitable Watch or Watches to be Set up & kept &c. & also a Ward to be kept every Lords Day & other Days as they shall think needful & to appoint the number whereof such Watch & Ward shall consist, and the time for the beginning & Continuance of the same & the Constable or Constables of the Town having Orders accordingly given him or them in Writing by the Justices & Selectmen are thereby Impowered and required from time to time to Warn such Watch & Ward respectively & to See that all Persons so Warned by them do attend & Observe their Duty in that regard. And whereas the said Justices & Select men are informed of frequent Prophanations of the Lords Day (Especially at this Season of the year) by loose vain Persons Servants Negroes &c. Unnecessarily Travelling or Walking to & from Bos-

ton & Roxbury with Neglect of Attending on the Publick Worship of God in either place and bringing from the Neighbouring Towns Corn Apples & other fruits of the Earth to the great disturbance of the Publick peace & Scandal of Our Christian [**13.**] Profession. It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices & Select men That from & after the Date hereof & until the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive the Constables of & within the Town of Boston & every of them by turns do Warn & appoint Eight meet & Sober Persons Inhabitants of the said Town on the Lords Days to Ward on the Neck or High Way between Boston & Roxbury at some Convenient place near the Line of Defence; Four of the said Persons are to give their Attendance there, from Seven o'Clock in the morning until half an hour after Twelve at noon & there to be relieved by the Dusk of the Evening.

And the Constable or Constables are to take Care in Warning thereof that such Ward do not Consist of all or the greatest part youths but that some able House holders or other Sufficient Persons be joined with them, And the said Constables are hereby enjoined to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent & Suppress such Disorders to Examine all Passengers & restrain them from Disporting Idle Walking or Unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day, And if any Person or Persons be Rude Refractory or shall refuse to give a Satisfactory account of the Occasion of their Travelling or otherwise [**14.**] misbehave themselves to take them up & Carry them before the next Justice of the Peace or return their names to such Justice in Order to their being Examined & proceeded against according to the nature of their Offence as Prophaners of the Lords Day. Given under Our hands & Seals at Boston the first Day of September In the Seventeenth Year of His majesty's Reign Anno Domini, 1743.

At a Meeting of the Select men. Sept. 7. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Calhoone Maccarty Appeared & desired to be Admitted a Ticket Porter ——

Voted, That he be Admitted accordingly provided m^{r}. Peter Kenwood be his Bondsmen.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Jeffries Clarke & Cooke be a Committee to repair the Way leading down from the Beacon [**15.**] so as to Convey the Water down the Several Ways as they shall judge proper.

Voted, That mr. Goldthwait be desired to get a Copy of the Case from mr. Tyleys office between Abraham Francis & others against the Town of Boston.

This Day the Select men & mr. William Waters interchange-

ably Signed an Agreement for keeping the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island, which is in the Words following, Viz^{t}.

Whereas the Great & General Court at their Session the 21st. of June, 1738, did by their Order Authorize & Impower the Select-men of Boston to agree with some Suitable Person to keep the Hospital lately Built by Order of the said Court at Rainsfords Island for the reception of Sick & Infectious Persons & for their time & Service in taken Care of the Sick &c. who may be Sent to the said Hospital by the year.

Pursuant to the said Order the Select men have this Day Agreed with mr. William Waters to keep the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island accordingly who is to take all proper Care of such Sick Persons as may from time to time be Sent to the said Hospital finding & providing Nurses & assistance & all things [**6.**] Necessary for their Comfort & Relief to Save the Province harmless from all Charges that may arise on Account of any poor & Indigent Persons who may be sent to the said Hospital (Doctors Bills excepted) and to follow the Orders of the Select men respecting Persons (& Goods) coming on or going off the said Island & to keep a Sufficient guard to Hinder all Persons from coming on or going off said Island without the Leave of the Select men And he is not to take off or Suffer to be taken off from the said Island any Stones or Ballast whatsoever.

In Consideration whereof he the said Waters is to have the Use and Improvement of the said Island & Housing thereon for One year Commencing the Twenty first Day of June last & he be allowed & paid out of the Province Treasury the Sum of Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings Lawful money of this Province p. ann. & is also to demand & receive Pay from such Persons as may from time to time be Sent thither as aforesaid for his Attendance & Expences on them during their being at the said Hospital after the Rate of Six Shillings & three pence Lawful money as aforesaid p. Week & it is further Agreed that the Select men [**7.**] shall & will afford their Assistance to the said Waters in the Premisses from time to time as need shall require,

Mem^{o}. Sept. 15. 1743.

The Select men Recomended to the Overseers of the Poor, James Parris a Sailor belonging to Capt. Delanie & lately broke his thigh in a Storm being a Stranger & having neither Friends nor Substance to Support him to be taken into the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province as a proper Object of Charity.

Also Recommended William Hughs a poor Indigent Sailor very Old who lately Arrived from the Spanish Expedition at the West Indies as a proper Object of Publick Charity being a Stranger & having neither Friends nor Substance to Support him to be taken into the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province.

Mem^{o}. Sept. 19. 1743.

This Day the Select men wrote a Letter to mr. Agent Kilby Agreeable to the Vote of the Town of the 16th. instant (a Copy

whereof is on file) & Sent Several Papers to him by Capt. Clements.

[**18.**] Mem°. Sept. 21. 1743.
Liberty is hereby granted to mr. Benj^a^. Eaton to Dig up the Pavement & open the Ground in Union Street in Order to lay a Drain from his Shop into the Common Shore, Upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground and Pavement again & keep the same in repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 23^d^. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Andrew Oliver Esqr. having drawn a Set of Three Bills of Exchange on mess^rs^. Saml. Storkes & Son Merchants in London for Three Hundred Pounds Sterling payable to Joseph Wadsworth Esqr. Town Treasurer & delivered the same, The Select men gave m^r^. Oliver a Bond Dated this Day Conditioned for the Payment of the said Sum of Three Hundred [**19.**] Pounds Sterling in London with Interest for the same on or before the 23^d^. Day of ——— next.

The Selectmen wrote a Letter to Agents Kilby & Palmer & Sent them Several Copys as p. acco^ts^. on file & the first Bill of Exchange for Three Hundred Pounds Sterling drawn by Andrew Oliver Esqr. on mess^rs^. Storkes & Son.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 26. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread, Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread and Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	11½
Wheaten		3 -	5
Household		4 -	15
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^l^.	3 -	14

[20.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 28. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Messrs. Gatcomb & Dolbeare inform that the Gutter in Wings Lane is so broke that its become very dangerous for man & Horse.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Jeffries & Hancock be desired to View the same & Order what is proper to be done.

The Selectmen this Day Let unto Joshua Henshaw Esqr. the Gun house in the Common for Six years Commencing from the first of October, 1743. he paying the Town Treasurer Eight Pounds Old Tenor p. annum for the same & at his own Charge to put it in repair, Reserving to the Town Liberty to put & keep in said House what Gun Carriage they See fit during the said Term, at the End of which he to deliver it up in good repair.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 5. 1743.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

[21.] Ordered, That Job Whipple who was Examined the first of June last & on the 24th. of august last was Ordered to depart the Town in Ten Days as appears of Record, be now Sent out of Town by a proper officer to be Conveyed from Town to Town to Ipswich that being the last place of his Abode.

Voted, that all the Warnings of the Several Persons out of this Town be returned by the Town Clerk into the Sessions as soon as may be.

Ordered, That mr. Thomas Read have the Charge of the Engine kept in the Cellar under the Town House & he is Allowed Fourteen men besides himself, Viz^{t}.

Thomas Read
Edward Potter
Thomas Hartley
Samuel Ellis
Peter Cotta
Ebenezer Knap
John Foster
Samuel Hallowell
Anthony Bracket
Thomas Palfrey
Brackley Read
Edward Potter Junr.
William Perkins
Abraham Holland
Joseph Baxter

And in Case there should happen any difference at any time among them that they should want to put out or take in a man the said Thomas Read that has the Charge of the Engine shall give an Acco^{t}. of the same to the Select men for their Allowance & orders for their [22.] proceeding & at any time if a Fire should break out the said Read is ordered to improve the said Engine where he thinks he may do the most Service & to take Care that at no time the Doors of the Engine house be obstructed by Snow &c. And to Work the said Engine Once every month from the first of april to the first of October; And to See that the Engine and Pails be kept in good Order & when at any time it shall happen that any thing is out of Order or wanting for the said Engine they apply directly to the Select men for their direction in the Affair And that at all Fires they bring with them an Axe & Fire hook & Commit the same to the Charge of two of their Company who shall be appointed to manage the same by the Select men And in Case either the Hook or Axe be not brought they are not to be Entitled to the Bounty of Five Pounds Old Tenor as by the Towns Vote. And for their Care & Diligence in the same the Inhabitants of the Town at their meeting the Fourteenth of march last have by a Vote freed them from all other Offices in the Town for this Year, & also granted a Premium of Five Pounds Old Tenor to be paid out of the Town Treasury to the Engine that shall be first brought to Work at a House or other Building, that shall be on Fire.

[23.] M^{r}. Thomas Read Master of the Engine under the Town house informs that the Engine under his Care was first bro't to Work at the Fire which lately broke out at m^{r}. Keightly's Rope Walk & desired that the Premium of Five Pounds Old Tenor granted by the Town may be Allowed him.

Voted, That the same be drawn for next Draft Day.

Messrs. Harrod Knox & Richards, Bakers appeared & Complained that the Assize of Bread is too high, Wheat not being to be Purchased under Sixteen Shillings old Tenor p. Bushel & desired that the Assize may be regulated accordingly.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread Allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	9
Wheaten		3 -	2½
Household		4 -	11
Six penny wheaten Loaf	1^{l}.	2 -	15

Nehemiah Wilkins delivered to the Select men the Key of the Shop on the Dock which he hired of the Town.

Ordered That the same be delivered to m^{r}. Hutchinson he having Purchased the said Shop.

[24.] Voted, That m^{r}. James Dukes with his Wife from Barbadoes be admitted Inhabitants of this Town & that he have Liberty to Open a School in this Town, for teaching Children to Dance & for his Wifes teaching needle Work to Children Agree-

able to his Petition presented to the Select men the 28th. Sept. last.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 19. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Whereas there is Abundance of Strangers from other Towns & Foreign parts, that daily get into this Town whereby Our Charge is greatly increased & it not being practicable for to come to the knowledge of them without some proper Person to make Enquiry after them.

Voted, That mr. Joseph Lasinby be appointed for that purpose for Three months, to make Diligent Search & Once in a Week, inform the Select men of the same & return a List of all such Persons, He to be paid for his Trouble according to the Judgment of the Select men.

[**25.**] Voted, That the Select men will attend the Sessions on the last Monday of this Month when the affair of the Lane leading from the Common to Nassaw Street thro' mr. Cloughs Land is to be determined.

Voted, That messrs. Thornton & Fosdick be desired to repair the peices of Pavement that are Sunk and broken at the bottom of milk Street.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 31, 1743

Present

Jonas Clarke Esq.
Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings Old tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Two Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread Six Shillings on Wheaten Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	9
Wheaten		3 -	2½
Household		4 -	11
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1l-	2 -	15

Liberty is hereby granted to mr. Rufus Greene to Dig up the Pavement & Open the Ground in ——— Street [**26.**] in Order to repair his Drain running into the Common Shore there Upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement again & keep the same in repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 2, 1743.

Present
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Cornelius Scantling is Admitted a Ticket Porter provided William Stoddard Esqr. will be his Bondsman.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 7. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Sarah Magin a Stranger from Ireland in poor Circumstances was Sent to the Alms house by John Jeffries & Jonas Clarke Esq^{rs}. on the nineteenth of march last to be taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

[27.] Mary Church a Stranger from Philadelphia being near lying in & very infirm was Sent to the Almshouse by Jonas Clarke & Thomas Hutchinson Esq^{rs}. on the fourth of may last to be taken Care of at the Province Charge.

Robert Basill a Stranger from Saltertuda being Sick & in danger of Perishing in the Streets was Sent to the Alms house by Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. on the Seventeenth of May last to be taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

Jerusha Will an Indian Woman & Stranger who lay Dead at Humphreys a Negro mans house at the North end.

Orders was given the Twenty first of may last by Capt Steel to the Overseers of the Poor to Bury her at the Province Charge.

Mr. Edward Bromfield in behalf of the Overseers of the Poor, presented an Acco^{ts}. of Sundry Persons on the Province Charge which was Examined & approved.

At a Meeting of the Select men, November 9, 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esq.
m^{r}. Cooke

Mr. John Earle master of the North Copper Engine informs that the House the Engine is kept in is much out of repair & that he has no Conveniency to Comply with [28.] The Towns Order for keeping a Fire hook.

Voted, That Capt. Forsyth mr. Hutchinson & Capt. Steel be desired to do what may be necessary to be done in the affair.

James Swain Appeared & desired to be Admitted a Ticket Porter, Promising to behave well and in Conformity to the Law & proposed Thos. Hutchinson Esqr. for his Bondsman.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 16. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thos. Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Mr. Brewster informs that the House that took Fire the 13th instant in Fish Street (Occupyed by Two Free Negroes) was Occasioned by the Badness of the Chimney & prays some Care may be taken to prevent it for the future.

Voted, That Capt. Forsyth & mr. Hutchinson be desired to View the same.

Katharine Briant alias Kennis Lattaree a Single Woman appeared & Said that She came from [29.] St. Christophers with Capt. Peter Deland to Philadelphia from whence She traveled to this Town about Nine Weeks since, that She has lodged at Patrick Goffe's about Six or Seven Weeks, that She has brought Nothing with her & has nothing to Subsist her & is with Child by James Chambers, who also Appeared & Offered to give her Seven Pounds to Carry her out of the Province & mr. Savell is directed to See her out of Town.

Mr. Isaac Winchester appeared & desired to hire the Stall Number Twenty two in Faneuil Hall Market.

Voted, That the said Stall be Let to him accordingly he paying Twenty Shillings Old Tenor p month for the same until the Select men shall Order other wise to Commence from the first Day of September last.

Mr. Joseph Holbrook Appeared and desired to have the Improvement of the Towns Shop on the Dock which mr. Cotta hired.

Voted, That the Sum of Twenty five Pounds Old Tenor be Allowed to Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. in Order to Transport Jeremiah Jones an Indigent Person out of the Province Agreeable to the Order of the General Court which Charge is to be paid by the Province.

[30.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 19. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

The Select men being informed that Notwithstanding His Excellencys Orders to His Majesty's Castle William to Stop all Vessells coming from the Mediterrenian (where the Plague in some parts is very prevalent) yet by some means the Ship Tyger Patrick White master from Cagliari has past the Castle & come up into the Harbour to the great disquiet of many of the Inhabitants Therefore,

Voted That a Petition be drawn & presented to His Excellency that he would please to give Orders that the said Vessell Goods & People be forthwith carried down to the Hospital Island there to remain until further Order or that such other measures may be taken as His Excellency shall think proper for the Safety of the Town & Province.

A Petition was accordingly drawn up & Signed by the Select men & Voted, That mess^{rs}. Cooke & Steel be a Committee to present the same.

[**31.**] Information being given to mr. Justice Clarke of the said Vessells coming up into the Harbour & that the Captain & some of his People were come on Shoar he issued forth a Warrant directed to the Sheriff of the County of Suffolk his Deputys or either of the Constables of Boston, Requiring them to prevent & restrain all Persons belonging to or transported in the said Ship from coming on Shoar & if any be on Shoar forthwith to Send them on board again as also to restrain Persons from going on board said Ship. And the Master & Men being accordingly Sent on board to Report of the same was made to His Excellency agreeable to the Province Law for further direction, His Excellency with the Advice of the Council directed & desired that the Select men would Send this Evening a Physician on board to Examine into the health of the Ships Company & to make Report to the Select men how he finds them & that they Order Two men on board as a Watch that no body comes on board said Vessel nor any Person or thing be Suffered to be brought on Shoar until further Order, but the Captain & mate who are Ordered to come on Shoar Tomorrow at Ten o'Clock in Order to be Examined on Oath, if the Doctor shall think it Safe.

Messrs. Fessenden & Whittemore two of the Constables were Ordered to procure a Boat to Carry the Doctor & Two men on board with an Order to the Captain & mate to Attend Tomorrow at Faneuil Hall at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

[**32.**] Doctor Clark being Sent for Appeared & Engaged to Attend the Services this Evening if the Weather Would permit or on the Morning early.

Voted That mr. Savell be directed to take Two Watchmen from each Watch house to Stand Two at Clarks Wharf & two at the lower end of Long Wharf to Watch that no boat go to or come from the Ship Tyger Patrick White Master without Leave, said men to be Changed Once in Two hours & so to Continue until further Order.

Voted, That this Meeting be Adjourned to Tomorrow at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon & that mr. Savell desire Jacob Wendell & Joshua Winslow Esq^{rs}. to be then present.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Nov 20th. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Huichinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock

mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Patrick White Master of the Ship Tyger beingS worn by Joshua Winslow Esqr. Says that he left Gravesend the 24th. of May last & Sailed from Spithead the 9th. of June & arrived at Port mahon [33.] about the 7th. of July where he tarried till the 28th. & Sailed for Cagliari & there arrived the 1st. Day of August that he Carried nothing but Ballast to Cagliari that he Rode Sixteen Days performing Quarantine before he was Allowed to put out his Ballast & take in Salt & there lay Twelve Days before he was laden when he Sailed for Gibralter where he Arrived about the 14th. of September in the Evening & Sailed the next Morning for Boston, neither he nor any of his People having been ashoar at Gibralter, that his Cargo consists of Salt & One Pipe of Wine & his Ships Company of Twenty two men who have been all in perfect health during the Voyage that he has no Small Goods or Silks of any Sort on board, that he heard at Cagliari there had been a very mortal Sickness at Mesina which was Abated but it was not Apprehended to be the Plague, that when hal'd at the Castle he Answered that he came from Gibralter, & no Goods have been Unladen from his Vessell since he arrived.

Patrick White

Joseph Whitley Mate of said Ship being also Sworn Says that they Arrived at Port Mahon in July last & at Cagliari the 1st. of August & there lay Sixteen Days before they were allowed to take in Salt, that they arrived at Gibralter the 14th. of September & Sailed the next Day that nobody was a Shoar at Gibralter, the [34.] Cargo Consists of Salt, that non of the People are now ashoar but the Captain & himself, That no Ship was allowed on any terms to come into Port Mahon or Cagliari from Sicilly & if they came from Genoa or Leghorn they performed a Quarantine of Forty Days, that he heard there was a very mortal Sickness at Sicilly, that when hal'd at the Castle they answered they came last from Gibralter, the People are all well & have been so during the Voyage.

Joseph Whitley

Doctor Clarke Reported that he had been on board the Ship Tyger Patrick White Master from Cagliari & Viewed & Examined the master & men & found them all in good health & according to the Strictest enquiry they have all of them been so ever Since their Sailing from Cagliari.

At a Meeting of the Select men Novr 23d. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke

The Select men having received a Power from Josiah Willard Esqr. Judge of Probate &c. for the County of Suffolk [35.] to enquire into the Ability of mr. William Pattin as to his reason & Capacity of managing his own affairs, having Attended that Service & discoursed with the said Pattin, Reported, That they

were of Opinion by reason of his Age & the Numb Palsy his reason & Understanding is so impaired as to be Uncapable of managing his own affairs.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 28, 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Whereas the Town at their Annual Meeting in September, 1742. Voted That the Select men be desired to procure the Picture of Peter Faneuil Esqr. to be put up in Faneuil Hall at the Expence of the Town & upon Enquiry finding it would be much Cheaper to Send to London to procure a frame for the same.

Voted, That m^{r}. Agent Kilby be Wrote to for to procure & Send a neat Gold Carved Frame of Eight feet long & Five feet Wide by the first Ship at the Charge of the Town.

Mr. Abraham Belknap with his Wife & Child from Framingham desired to be Admitted Inhabitants [**36.**] It Appearing to the Select men that he has brought Two or Three Hundred Pounds in Notes & Bonds besides Household Goods.

Voted, That they be admitted Inhabitants accordingly.

Benj^{a} Day (a Free negro manumitted by D^{r}. John Clark) appearing upon Complaint of the Neighbours of the Danger they were in of being Burnt out by reason the Hearth of the Chimney where the said Negro dwelt was laid on the Floor.

He was forbid by the Select men making any more fire in that place.

Complaint being made that the Bakers refuse to Bake Wheaten Bread.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread & Three Shillings & Six pence on House hold Bread Allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf	2 -	11½
Wheaten	3 -	
House hold	4 -	11
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l} - 2 -	2

Ordered, That mr. Savell be directed to return [**37.**] Home the Bulls he hired of m^{r}. Wilson for the Town

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 30. 1743.

Present

Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Darby Cotty Appeared & desired to be Admitted a Ticket Porter & proposed Joshua Winslow Esqr. & mr. Thomas Gunter for his Bondsmen —

Voted, That he be Admitted accordingly provided they become Bound with him for the faithful Discharge of his Office.

Mr. Eaton Appeared & desired Liberty to put down some Posts in marshalls Lane near the mill Bridge.

Voted, That Jonas Clarke Esqr. & mr. Hancock be desired to View the same & if they think fit to Allow thereof, that the Posts be Painted White.

Mr. John Harrod & Sundry other Bakers in the Town appeared & Complained of the Assize of Bread After fully hearing them — It was Voted That [**38.**] no Alteration should at present be made in the assize.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 7. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Capt. Turner appeared upon Acco^{t}. of one Mary Miller with Three Children whom he Imported into this Town from S^{t}. Christ^{o}. & Promist to give Security to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon their acco^{t}. for Five years.

Capt. Phillip Doble appeared upon Acco^{t}. of Bridget Caroll & Marg^{t}. Callicott Two Women & two Children whom he Imported into this Town from Newfoundland he Promist to give Security to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon their acco^{t} for Five years to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

The Select men Wrote the following Letter to Christ^{o}. Kilby Esqr. Viz^{t}.

Boston, Decr. 7. 1743.

Sir,

The Inhabitants of the Town of Boston at a meeting in September, 1742. Voted, That the Select [**39.**] men of this Town be desired to procure the Picture of Peter Faneuil Esqr. to be put up in Faneuil Hall at the Expence of the Town, which Picture being now furnished by mr. Smibert We find upon Enquiry that a Frame for said Picture can be got in London Cheaper & better than with Us, We therefore beg the favour of You Sir to procure & Send a Neat Gold Carved Frame of Eight feet in length & Five feet in Wedth by the first Ship in as small a Box as may be, as it will reduce the Freight, Your Expence for the same shall be Remitted as soon as known, which Frame We hope may be bought for about Eeight Guineas.

We are Sir

Your most humble Servants

To Christ^{o}. Kilby Esqr. J. J. &c. Select men.

Voted, That John Jeffries Esqr. & mr. Hancock be desired to Agree with some proper Person to provide for and look after the Bulls for this Winter upon the best terms they can.

Col^{o}. Jacob Wendell Appeared & presented the following Order from the Captain General for removing Several Cannon belonging to the South Battery now lying on the said Col^{o} Wendells Wharf to the Ground belonging to the said Battery, which is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To the Select men of the Town of Boston

[40.] Whereas Complaint has been made to me by Col^{o}. Jacob Wendell that Several of the Cannon belonging to the South Battery of the Town of Boston Stand on that part of his Wharfe which was lately in Dispute between the King & him. These are to direct you to cause the said Cannon to be removed from thence upon the Ground belonging to the said Battery as soon as Conveniently may be Given under my hand at Boston this 27th. Day of October, 1743 W. SHIRLEY

Voted That the Select men will attend that Service the Ninth instant & that mr. Cooke be desired to Speak to Capt. Green that his men be Assisting in doing the same & that mr. Savell acquaint Col^{o}. Wendell with the Select men's Intention.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 14. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Constable Souden brought a Venire facias from the Clerk of the Inferiour Court for this County Requiring the Town to return Ten Petit Jurors for said [41.] Court to be held in January next, The Select men appointed Wednesday next the Twenty first instant at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon for a Town Meeting to draw Jurymen accordingly.

Mr. Cooke in behalf of the Mill Owners Complained that they some years since built a House near the mill Bridge & left Toothing in the Corners of the Wall for their Neighbours to join on, since which ——— Jenkins has Built & joined on the said Wall but refuseth to pay anything for the same & desired that the Select men would Appoint some meet Persons to Apprize the same.

Whereupon the Select men gave the following Order, Viz^{t}.

To mess^{rs}. Jacob Parker, William Fairfield & John Kneeland. Gentlemen,

Complaint being made to Us by mr. Middlecott Cooke & the mill Owners that they some years since Built a House near the mill Bridge & left Toothing in the Corners of the Wall for their Neighbours to join on since which ——— Jenkins has Built & joined on the said Wall but refuseth to pay anything for the same.

According to the Law of the Province passed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of King William & Queen Mary Impowering Us

in Case of any difference to appoint meet Persons to Value the same, We desire that you would do it.

[42.] Complaint being made that mr. —— Simpson had Entertained in his House without giving Information thereof, One Morgan who came from Philadelphia & is now in the Work house.

Voted, That Jonas Clarke Esqr. be desired to Prosecute the said Simpson for Entertaining the said Morgan contrary to Law and that he be obliged to Save the Town harmless from any Charge upon his Acco^{t}.

Whereas Capt. Nathl. Barber & mr. Thos. Pemberton were some time since appointed Sealers of Wood landed on Several Wharves to the Northward of the Mill Creek but by reason their time is much taken up in other affairs they cannot Attend that Business so often as is necessary.

Therefore Voted, That Deacon William Larrabee a Sealer of Wood at the North end be & hereby is appointed & fully Impowered a Sealer of wood landed on any Wharfe or Wharfes to the Northward of the Mill Creek in Boston whenever he shall be desired to Seal the same.

Whereas Notwithstanding the many good & Wholesome Laws of this Province made to prevent the Inhabitants of the Town Entertaining Strangers &c. without giving due Notice thereof to the Select men or Town Clerk many Strangers in low Circumstances do come into the Town & dwell here without the knowledge of the Select men & at [43.] Length become a Town Charge to the great prejudice of the Town who are afterwards obliged to Support them; To prevent which Hardship the Select men think it proper to appoint some Suitable Person or Persons to inform them of all Strangers coming into the Town & having had some discourse with Deacon Wm Larrabee thereupon he is willing to Undertake this Service to be Allowed for the same as the Select men, shall think reasonable;

Voted, That the said William Larrabee be & hereby is appointed & fully Impowered to Visit all such Houses & Families as he apprehends Entertains Inmates or Strangers lying to the Northward of the Draw bridge in Boston & take a List of the Names of such Strangers from whence they came how long they have been in Town their Occupation & Circumstances & the Persons that Entertain them & make Report thereof unto the Select men every Wednesday.

Mr. William Story Appeared & desired Liberty to put down two Posts before his House in Cambridge Street. Voted, That Capt. Forsyth & mr. Hancock be desired to View the place & Report thereon

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 21. 1743.

Present

Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

[**44.**] Mr. Freeman from North Carolina Appeared according to Order & informed that he came here only to Stay this Winter & that in the Spring of the year he intends to return to North Carolina again where his Estate lies.

John Bryan Appeared & desired to be admitted a Ticket Porter & offered mess^{rs}. John Barrell and William Nichols to be his Bondsmen.

Voted, That he be admitted accordingly provided they be his Bondsmen.

Mr. John Peirce master of the Fire Engine kept at the Westerly part of this Town having removed out of Town & mr. Ebenezer Messinger being proposed as a Suitable Person to succeed him.

Voted, That the said Messinger be & hereby is appointed Master of the said West Engine accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 26. 1743.

Present

Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Mr. Edmund Rising Appeared & desired Liberty to Show as a Sight in this Town a microscope & Sundry other Curious Instruments with a [**45.**] Musical Clock, which he had lately brought into Countrey —

Voted, That he have Liberty to Show the same during the pleasure of the Select men, he behaving himself well & keeping good Orders &c.

Voted, That mr. John Procter Junr. (who was Admitted an Usher to mr. Hicks the 17th. of August last) be Allowed for his Salary in that Office after the Rate of One Hundred & Twenty Pounds Old Tenor p. annum to Commence from the 18th. Day of August last.

Mr. Barth^{o}. Sutton master of One of the Fire Engines Appeared & desired a Draft for the Premium of Five Pounds old Tenor Allowed by the Town, his Engine being the first brought to Work at the Fire which broke out at Capt. Ellerys house.

Ordered That a Draft be made accordingly.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Seventeen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	oz-	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2 -	7
Wheaten	2 -	14
Household	4 -	8
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l} - 1 -	6.

[46.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Dec. 28. 1743.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That mr. Ebenezer Messinger have the Charge of the Engine kept at the Westerly part of the Town & he is allowed Eleven men besides himself. Viz^{t}.

Ebenezer Messinger
Samuel Sprague
John Brown
William Russell
Samuel Emmes
Richard Surcomb
Thomas Crafts
Thomas Barnard
John Seaborn
Abraham Belknap
John Box
Robert Thompson Junr.

And in Case there should happen any difference at any time among them that they should want to put out or take in a Man the said Eben^{r}. Messinger that has the Charge of the Engine shall give an acco^{t}. of the same to the Select men for their allow^{a}. & orders for their proceeding & at any time if a Fire should break out the said messinger is Ordered to Improve the said Engine where he thinks he may do the most Service & to take Care that at no time the Doors of the Engine house be Obstructed by Snow &c. [47.] And to Work the said Engine Once every month from the first of April to the first of October & to See that the Engine & Pails be kept in good Order & when at any time it shall happen that any thing is out of Order or wanting for the said Engine they apply directly to the Select men for their direction in the Affair & that at all Fires they bring with them an Axe & Fire hook & Commit the same to the Charge of two of their Company who shall be appointed to manage the same by the Select men, And in Case either the Hook or axe be not brought they are not to be Entitled to the Bounty of Five Pounds as by the Towns Vote.

And for their Care & Diligence in the same the Inhabitants of the Town at their meeting the 14th. of March last have by a Vote freed them from all other offices in the Town for this year & also granted a Premium of Five Pounds Old Tenor to be paid out of the Town Treasury to the Engine that shall be first brought to Work at a House or other Building that shall be on Fire.

Mr. William Larrabee appointed the 14th. instant a Sealer of Wood landed on all Wharves to the Northward of the Mill Creek whenever he shall be called to Seal the same, Appeared & Capt. Nathan^{l}. Barber a Sealer of Wood appeared also & said Barber [48.] Desires that he may have still the Sealing of all Wood landed on mr. Halseys wharf & mr. Colmans wharf & that mr. Larrabee may have all the wharves to the Northward of Halseys

Wharf. After some Discourse thereon, Voted That the said Deacon William Larrabee be & hereby is appointed & Impowered a Sealer of all Wood landed on any Wharf or Wharves to the Northward of mr. Halseys Wharf & any other Wharf to the Northward of the Mill Creek whenever he shall be Called or desired to do the same Excepting the two wharves aforesaid, Viz^{t}. mr. Halseys & mr. Colmans.

Messrs. Edward Langdon & John Dixwell presented some Proposals Setting forth That the Vacant Peice of Ground at the head of the Dock behind the Watch house is intirely Useless to the Town as it now is & little better than a Sink of Filth & Dirt which is very Offensive to the Inhabitants that live thereabouts, In Order therefore that the said Peice of Ground may be improved to the Benefit of the Town, they propose that the Watch house may be removed near to mr. Jacksons Corner and that then the Select men would Lease out to them for the Space of Seven years or such time as the Select men think proper that part of the head of said Dock that belongs to the Town at a small [**49.**] Quit Rent, they would then at their own Expence Erect a Shop or Wooden Building thereon about Twenty feet in the Front, Sixteen feet deep & Twenty in heighth or of such other Dimensions as the Select men think proper & at the End of said Lease deliver up the said Building to the Town free of all Charge & Expence for Erecting the same.

The Proposals being Read were refer'd to Wednesday next for Consideration.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Janry, 4. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Benj^{a}. Woodbridge who came into this Town from Salem & was sometime since Warned to depart the Town, Appeared & Promised he would leave the Town Tomorrow. The Proposals of Edward Langdon & John Dixwell for Erecting a Building at the head of the Town Dock refer'd to this time from Wednesday last now came under Consideration & after a Short Debate thereon,

The Select men Apprehend they cannot Comply with the said Proposals.

[**50.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 11. 1743.

Present

Capt Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock

Robert Fairservice appeared according to Order & Acknowledged that the following Persons had lived in his House as Inmates more than the Space of Twenty Days Viz^{t}. John Morrissy, James Osborne, Edward Poor, & William ——

Ordered That the said Fairservice be Prosecuted to pay the Fine of Forty Shillings as the Law directs, for not giving notice thereof in the time Limited by Law.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 18. 1743.
Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock

Constable Souden brought a Writ of Venire facias issued out of the Clerks Office of the Superiour Court of Judicature &c. for this Country Requiring the Town to return Six Grand Jurors & Twenty Petit Jurors to Serve [**51.**] at the said Court the Third Tuesday of February next. The Select men Appointed Wednesday the Eighth of February next to Choose Jurors accordingly

Liberty is granted to John Jeffries Esqr. to Frame part of a Crane for his Wharf upon the Common near the House of m^{r}. Jacob Sheafe

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 25. 1743.
Present
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Capt. Steel informs that the North Clock is out of Order. Voted, That Capt. Forsyth & Capt. Steel be desired to have it effectually mended.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 30. 1743.
Present.
Capt Forsyth
Thomos Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Ordered That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings Old Tenor p. [**52.**] Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread allowed for Charges Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	9
Wheaten		3 -	
Household		4 -	11
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}.	2 -	2

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 1. 1743.
Present
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Mr Hancock informs of Scipio a negro and his Wife lately come into this Town from Dedham and now live at the Westerly part of the Town near m^{r}. Wilsons the Gardners.

Ordered, That they be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

Thomas Morgan who was lately brought into this Town from Providence was Certified by the Selectmen to be a proper object of Publick Charity [**53.**] & Recommended to the Overseers of the Poor to be taken Care of in the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province, the Certificate was Dated the 14th. of October last.

It being the Usual time for Visiting the Town,

Voted, That mr. Savell Acquaint His majesty's Justices of the Peace within this Town & the Gentle men the Overseers of the Poor, that the Gentlemen desire they would please to give them a meeting at the Council Chamber on Monday next at Five o'Clock in the Afternoon in Order to Agree upon a Visitation of the Town.

At a meeting of the Honourable His majesty's Justices of the Peace the Gentlemen the Select men & Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston at the Council Chamber on Monday, February 6. 1743.

Present
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr. and
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Justices of the Peace.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
[**54.**] m^{r}. Thomas Hancock
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke &
Capt. John Steel
Select men
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
m^{r}. Isaac Walker &
m^{r}. George Rogers
Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed upon to be attended on monday the Thirteenth Day of February Current at nine o'Clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if not then on Wednesday following the Fifteenth instant & it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock in the Evening of the said Day of Visitation to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth
m^{r}. Samuel Hunt
m^{r}. Richard Buckley
m^{r}. John Whittemore, Constable

[55.] Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esqr.
m^{r}. George Rogers
Capt. Nathaniel Barber
Capt. John Goldthwait
m^{r}. John Wells, Constable

Ward, Number Three
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Isaac Walker
m^{r}. Job Coit, Constable

Ward, Number Four
William Tyler Esqr.
Jacob Royall Esqr.
Capt. Daniel Pecker
m^{r}. William Fairfield
m^{r}. Neil m^{c}.Intyer, Constable

Ward, Number Five
The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
m^{r}. Thomas Hancock
m^{r}. John Staniford
m^{r}. Caleb Joseph Gray, Constable

Ward, Number Six
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Oxenbridge Thacher Esqr.
[56.] John Erving Esqr.
Capt. John Comrin, Constable.

Ward, Number Seven
Hugh Hall Esqr.
Nathaniel Balston Esqr.
Deacon John Phillips
m^{r}. Jacob Parker
m^{r}. John Souden, Constable

Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Col^{o}. William Downe
Capt. John Steel
m^{r}. Jacob Sheafe
m^{r}. Nicholas Fessenden, Constable

Ward, Number Nine
Edward Winslow Esqr.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
m^{r}. Joshua Blanchard
m^{r}. Joseph Butler, Constable

Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Francis Borland Esqr.
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
m^{r}. Nathaniel Gardner
m^{r}. John Lane Junr. Constable
[57.] Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
m^{r}. William Salter
m^{r}. James morris, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Wells Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Col^{o}. John Hill
m^{r}. James Griffin
m^{r}. Nathaniel Richardson, Constable

The Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above Orders or Sortment accordingly

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 8. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Capt. Forsyth
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. John Earle master of the North Copper Engine informs that his Engine was first brought to Work at the Fire which broke out last Friday at a House [58.] In Charter Street at the North end & declared that they had their Axe &c. as the Town requires & desired that the Premium granted by the Town may be allowed them.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 15. 1743.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. Lee Appeared & desires Liberty to Set Posts down before his Shop at the South end.

Voted That Jonas Clarke Esqr. be desired to View the place & Report thereon.

Mr. Larrabee informs of the following Persons lately come into this Town, Viz^{t}.

A Woman at Fairservices Sick with her Daughter who came from Chelsea about a Week ago.

Ordered That they be Warned to Depart the Town as the Law directs.

At m^{r}. Goughs by the Cornfield one James Chambers who has been there sometime

Ordered, That he be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

[**59.**] At m^{rs}. Randells on m^{r}. Hutchinsons Wharf a Woman named Rebecca Strong came from England in Capt. Hartley Thirteen Weeks ago.

Ordered That She be Warned to depart the Town in Fourteen Days.

An Indian Woman at m^{r} Savell's

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 22^{d}. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.

(Blank)

Mr. Thomas Newman Appeared & desired Liberty to Plant some Trees or to set up Posts before his House in Salem Street.

Whereas Christian Hartell brought into this Town from New York sometime in December last One Rebecca Strong (a Woman reputed to be of ill fame) and has not Entred her name at the Impost Office as the Law provides.

Voted, That the said Hartell be Prosecuted for Breach of the said Law.

John Walley Esqr. being Presented at the Superiour Court in August last for Stoping the Water Course in Milk Street & the Court having defer'd the proceeding

[**60.**] On said Presentment upon m^{r}. Walleys Promise to remove the Obstruction to the Approbation of the Select men, the which being now done to their Direction & Satisfaction.

Voted, That the Town Clerk give a Certificate of the same.

Mr. Hancock informs (according to Order) he had Sold the Old Plank & Timber remaining of the Platform near the Market to Elias Dupee for Six Pounds Old Tenor and paid the money to Treasurer Wadsworth.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 27. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Thomas Kilby Esqr. (in behalf of William Shirley Junr. Esqr.) Appeared & desired to Continue in the Naval office in Faneuil Hall for One year from the 26th. instant at the same price he gave the last Year Viz^{t}. Twenty Pounds Old Tenor, which was agreed to by the Select men.

Agreed by the Select men to Allow Twenty Pounds Old Tenor towards the Passage of [**61.**] John Smith the late m^{r}. Faneuils Coachman & Family in Capt. Best to London, there being danger of his becoming a Charge to the Town.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven

Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread Three Shillings & Six Pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread allowed for Charges Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2 -	11½
Wheaten	3 -	5
Household	4 -	15
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l} - 3 -	14

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 27. 1743.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Deacon Larrabee informs of One Daniel m^{c}Neal at Ann Hoggs in Long Lane who is just come to [**62.**] Town and wants Charity.

Ordered That m^{r}. Larrabee Warn him to depart the Town in Fourteen Days as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 2^{d}. 1743.

Present
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His majestys Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Twelfth of March Current at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon Then & there to nominate & Choose meet Persons to Serve the Town in Several offices the year ensuing as the Law directs, To Grant such Sums of money as shall be judged needful for the Relief of [**63.**] the Poor & defraying other necessary Charges; To Consider a Grant of the General Court relating to fortifications; To Receive the Reports of Several Committees, To act upon such other matters as were refer'd over to said meeting for Consideration, To Act on List for Jury men & to Choose Jurors for April Court.

Voted That the Rev^{d} m^{r}. Prince be Desired to Open the Town Meeting the 12th. instant with Prayer & that m^{r}. Clarke wait on him & acquaint him with their Desire.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 7. 1743.

Present

The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Mr. John Brown master of One of the North Engines appeared & informed that the Engine under his Care was first brought to Work at the Fire which broke out at m^{r}. Hawks House near the Old North meeting house.

Voted That a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer next Draft Day for the same.

[**64.**] Voted, That a Dinner be provided for Fifty Gentlemen on Monday next the Day appointed for the Town Meeting at m^{rs}. Wardells and that mess^{rs}. Hancock & Cooke be desired to give directions accordingly.

Voted That Eight Shillings Old Tenor a peice be Allowed to the Constables of the Town of Boston in Order to provide a Dinner for themselves on Monday next the Day appointed for the Town meeting.

Mr. Joshua Henshaw Junr. who hired the Gun house in the Common the 28th. of September last for One Year Appeared & desired to Quit the same, accordingly it was Voted to Release him from paying for the same.

Capt. John Goldthait One of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1743. Appeared & proposed Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. & mr. William Merchant for his Bondsmen who were approved of by the Select men, & accordingly gave Bond with the said Suretys in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful money

A Certificate thereof was [**65.**] Given him to the Assessors.

Mr. Jacob Sheafe another of the Collectors of Taxes for the year, 1743. appeared & proposed mess^{rs}. Robert Patteshall & Gilbert Warner for his Bondsmen who were Accepted by the Select men & accordingly gave Bond with the said Suretys in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful money.

A certificate thereof was given him to the Assessors.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Mar. 14. 1743.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Thomas Hancock
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. John Steel
Capt. William Salter

Ordered, That the By Law of the Town relating to Trucks & Carts doing Damage to the Streets be put into the Publick News Papers to give notice to the Inhabitants that the Select men are Resolved to put the same in Execution.

[**66.**] Voted, That the Select men will View Winter Street on Monday next at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon, it being refer'd by

the Town to the Select men to Report Whether they think it necessary to Pave the same.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Mar. 21. 1743.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter.

Mr. Ebenezer Messinger master of the Engine at the Westerly part of the Town appeared and Recommended mess^{rs}. Thomas Kimball John Ricks & Peter Cumber to fill up the Vacancys in the said Engine & they producing Releases from Military Exercises from their Several Captains.

Voted, That they be Admitted accordingly.

Information is given that One Seaver has received a Woman into his House from Braintree.

Mr. David Sumner appeared & informed that he came from Milton in December last and has hired a House belonging to mr. James Pitts & keeps [**67.**] A Shop & desired to be admitted an Inhabitant. Mr. Pitts was sent for & he declared he Let his House to One Neal who was Ordered to Attend on monday next.

According to the Vote of the Town respecting the Arms of Peter Faneuil Esqr. Carved by m^{r}. moses Deshon leaving it with the Select men to Purchase & fix the said arms up in Faneuil Hall.

They have Agreed to Allow m^{r}. Deshon Forty Pounds Old Tenor for the same.

M^{r}. John Staniford One of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1743. Appeared & proposed mess^{rs}. Jacob Parker & Joshua Blanchard for his Bondsmen who were Approved of by the Select men & accordingly gave Bond with the said Suretys in the Sum of Five Thousand Pounds Lawful money.

A Certificate thereof was given him to the Assessors.

Margaret Partridge informs that Seventeen Days ago She took into her House One Michael Maceney a Ship Carpenter from Piscataqua but knows nothing of his Circumstances.

The Select men according to the Desire of the Town have Viewed Winter Street & are of Opinion [**68.**] That it is necessary to Pave the same, And as to the Charge they Apprehend the Towns part may come to about Two Hundred & Sixty Pounds Old Tenor.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Mar. 26, 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter.

Katharine Drisdell a Woman big with Child & in Travail was Sent to the Alms house by Col°. John Hill One of the Overseers of the Poor.

Mr. Salter Informs that She came last from the Eastward & has been in Town about Eleven months & that the first House She lodged in was Robert Fairservices.

Mr. John Brown master of One of the North Engines Appeared & informed that the Engine under his Care was first brought to Work at the Fire which broke out at Dr. Kennedys House

[**69.**] Voted, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasury for the Premium Allowed by the Town.

Complaint being made, that One John Bradshaw with his Family is come into this Town from Medford & has hired a House of m^r^. Jacob Hurd.

Ordered, That m^r^. Hurd Attend & accordingly he with m^r^. Bradshaw Appeared & m^r^. Justice Clarke Fined the said Hurd Forty Shillings for not informing the Select men according to Law, And also Fined m^r^. Bradshaw Twenty Shillings for Opening a Shop contrary to Law.

M^r^. Bradshaw informs that his Family consists of himself his Wife Six Children & One Negro and desires they may be Admitted Inhabitants and he have Liberty to Open a Shop in this Town.

Ordered, That Mary Breed who came from Charlestown & keeps at One Higgin's in an Alley by m^r^. Decosters be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

The Select men Agreed with Deacon William Larrabee to give him One Hundred Pounds Old Tenor a Year for his trouble in Visiting such Houses as Entertain Inmates or Strangers & acquainting the Select men therewith, to Commence from the 14th Day of December last to be paid quarterly.

[**70.**] Ordered, That the Assize of Bread now Stated for Direction to the Bakers & Clerks of the Market be as follows, Viz^t^.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2 -	14½
Wheaten	3 -	5
Household	5 -	5
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^l^. 3 -	14

Computed at Fourteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on House hold Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges And the Several Bakers within this Town are Ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first Letter of their Christian Names & with the first & last Letters of their Sirnames, And the Clerks of the market are directed to make allowance for Bisket well Baked.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 28. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.

Jonas Clarke Esqr.

m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[**71.**] The Select men Agreed with m^{r}. Wilson the Gardner to Prune the Trees in the Common for Four Pounds Ten Shillings Old Tenor.

Voted That mess^{rs}. Hutchinson & Hancock be a Committee to Treat with the Proprietors of the Land near the Fortification relating to the High Way there

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Hutchinson & Hancock be a Committee to Treat with mr. Henry Gibbon relating to the High Way before the Salt Ponds on the Neck.

The Select men having received a power from Josiah Willard Esqr. Judge of Probate &c. for the County of Suffolk to enquire into the ability of m^{rs}. Alice Townsend as to her reason & Capacity of managing her own Affairs.

Voted, That the Select men Attend that Service on Saturday next at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Hutchinson & Steel be a Committee to See that the Small Engine kept by the Old North meeting house be removed to the Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Mathers meeting house.

And also Voted That the same Committee be desired to pursue the Vote of the Town relating to the North Market.

[**72.**] Voted, That the Engine kept by Trinity Church be removed to m^{r}. Lowders (with his Consent) & that the Engine kept by the Prison be removed to the Rear of the Old South Church.

Information is given that One James Gilmore is lately come into this Town from George River & now lives in a House of m^{r}. Waldo's.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Mar. 31. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Steel

According to Appointment the Select men Visited m^{rs}. Alice Townsend & having Discoursed with her, Are of opinion that She is Non Compos Mentis & not Capable of managing her own affairs.

At a meeting of the Selectmen, April 2. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

[**73.**] M^{r}. David Brooks from Connecticut informs the Selectmen that this Morning near the Light house he Spake with Capt.

Rouse in the Billander Young Eagle Privateer who Acquainted him, That he had Several of his Men on board Sick with the Small Pox & desired his Owners would Send down a Boat to him. Whereupon a major part of the Select men went down to the Hospital & Sent for Capt. Rouse on Shoar & on their Return Reported as follows;

Capt. Rouse being Sworn before Jonas Clarke Esqr. Declareth that the last English Port he came from was the Island of Jamaica which was about Four Months since & the last Land he Saw was the Bahama Islands, that about Eight Weeks ago the Small Pox broke out in his Company which was Communicated to them by a Jamaica Privateer that was in Company with them Mohere Key, since that Nine of his Company have had it, One Died about three Weeks since Six of them are on the Recovery he hath about Eighty Persons in the whole Crew, there are now on board of that number about Twelve who have not yet had the Small Pox, that he is short of Provisions not having more than enough to last a Week [**74.**] And accordingly On the 3^{d}. of April the Select men met & Sent down to Rainsford Island the necessary things for the Sick & gave Orders that the men who had not been Visited with the Small Pox & Expected to have it, be Sent on Shore to the Hospital & the Sick remain on board the Vessell until they are well enough to be Sent on Shore, & the Well men that have formerly had the Small Pox be Cleansing themselves as soon as possibly they can to remain there until further Orders from the Select men.

Capt. Rouse's Wife desires Liberty to go down to Rainsfords Island & there Stay with her Husband till the Select men give Leave for their coming up which was granted by the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 4. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Isaac Casno appeared & desired Liberty to Erect a Sign Post before his House in [**75.**] Water Street.

Voted that the Select men View the place.

Deacon Larrabee by Order of the Select men the 3^{d}. instant, Warned Stephen Kinsley who came from York at the Eastward to depart the Town as the Law directs.

M^{rs}. Abigail Warner who lately came into this Town from Portsmouth in Piscataqua informs that She came to Visit her Friends has been here about Four months Lodges at her Brother Nathl. Warners and purposes to return to Portsmouth again in a few months.

Capt. James Gilmore Appeared & informs that he is lately come into this Town from Georges River & hath brought with him his Wife & Three Daughters & desires they may be Admitted Inhabitants of this Town & that he may have Liberty to Open a Shop.

Information is given that Alice Pope about Eleven months ago came into this Town from Salem & now lives at m^{r}. Swinnertons.

The Select men drew up & Signed a Memorial to the Great & General Court praying they would take into Consideration & direct how the Charge shall be [**76.**] Born in Supporting the Well Persons who are Confined with those Sick of the Small Pox at the Hospital at Rainsfords Island, which were brought in by the Billander Privateer, John Rouse Commander.

Francis Borland Esqr. informs that he has taken into his House in Milk Street One m^{rs}. Barker & family from Pembroke— Ordered that m^{r}. Savell notify her to attend next Wednesday.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 5. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter.

The Select men Agreed with Capt. William Phillips to go as a Guard on Rainsfords Island for the preventing all unnecessary Communication with the People Sick of the small Pox in the Hospital there, or on board the Billander Privateer Capt. Rouse Commander lying off the said Island at Twenty Shillings Old Tenor p. Day.

[**77.**] Also agreed with m^{r}. Soloman Townsend at Twelve Shillings Old Tenor p. Day for the said Service to enter on pay the Sixth instant.

Voted That Six Sea Beds with Bolsters be procured for the Use of the Persons Sick of the Small Pox at Rainsfords Island & that Col^{o}. William Downe be desired to procure the same.

The Select men Agreed with John Couchman Doctor of the Billander Privateer to look after & take Care of the Sick at the Hospital at Twenty five Pounds Old Tenor p. Month to Commence the 1st. of April instant.

Also Agreed with John England as an Attendant to the Doctor at Thirty Shillings Old Tenor p. Week — and with John Jeffers as a Nurse at Twenty Shillings Old Tenor p. Week Commencing the 1st April instant.

The Memorial Signed & presented Yesterday by the Select men to the Great and General Court, with the Order thereon is here entred by Order of the Select men & is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To His Excellency William Shirley Esq. Governour in Chief, the Honble. the Council & House of Representatives of the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England in General Court assembled, April, 4. 1744

[**78.**] The memorial of the Select men of the Town of Boston in said Province, most humbly Sheweth,

That on the Second instant arriv'd at Nantasket the Privateer Billander Young Eagle John Rouse Commander with Eight Persons on board Sick of the Small Pox & about Twelve more liable to the same Distemper that your mem^{o}. immediately took due Care to prevent any of the Crew or any Goods to come from said Vessell on Shore, & have provided Necessarys for the Sick People & have Ordered those that are in health & liable to the Small Pox

to remain at the Province Hospital till it can be known, Whether they have received said Distemper or not, that by the Province Law pass'd at the present Session of this Honble Court, It is determined in what manner the Charge of providing for the Sick shall be born but no Provision is made for the Support of those that are well — That the People who are now Confined to the Hospital are Poor & Destitute of all Cloathing have no Wages due & their Cruize according to their agreement being out, they have no demands upon the [**79.**] Vessell or Owners, & if no Care be taken for their Support they must Perish —— Your Memorialists therefore humbly pray that your Excellency and Honours would be pleased to take the Premisses into Consideration & give such Directions therein as that no Inconvenience may arise to your memoralists from their Care & pains to Serve the Publick & Order the Charge to be born in such manner as to your Wisdom shall seem meet And as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

SAMUEL ADAMS
JONAS CLARKE
THO^S^. HUTCHINSON
THOMAS HANCOCK
JOHN STEEL
WILLIAM SALTER
} Select men

In the House of Representatives 4th. April 1744 Read & Ordered That the Select men of Boston be directed & impowered to make prudent Provision, for the Support of such Persons refer'd to in said Memorial as are in danger of being infected with the Small Pox & to take further Care that such Persons as are not liable to said Distemper come ashore or remove from said Privateer in such manner as that there may be no danger of their Conveying the Infection [**80.**] in their Cloaths or otherwise, the Charge of the whole to be born by the Persons themselves as far as they are able and the remaining part by the Province.

Sent up for Concurrence

Att^r^. ROLAND COTTON Cler. Dom. Rep.

In Council April, 5th. 1744, Read & Concur'd

J. WILLARD Secry.

Consented to,

W. SHIRLEY

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 11. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Whereas His Excellency the Captain General hath Acquainted the Select men that there is eminent danger of a French War & that he apprehends it necessary some further Steps should be im-

mediately taken for the more Effectual [81.] Fortifying the Town. Therefore,

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constable of Boston.

In His majesty's name Requiring them forth with to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Sixteenth of April instant at Nine o'Clock in the fore noon, then & there to Consider & Determine what is proper for the Town to do on this Occasion.

Francis Norwood Junr. Appeared & informed that he is lately come into this Town with his Wife & Two Children from Lynn & has Lived about a Fortnight in a Tenement of m^r. Henry Gibbons' desires to be Admitted Inhabitants & have Liberty to Open a Shop in this Town.

Voted That they be Admitted accordingly provided he give Bond with Sufficient Sureties to the Satisfaction of the Select men as the Law directs.

Deacon Larrabee Warned William Teel to depart the Town in Fourteen Days as the Law directs.

[82.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April, 16. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Salter

John Baptist Maginel Recommended by the Marquis Compigny the French General at Martinique to the Government of Rhode Island to Seek Satisfaction for a Vessell of his taken by Capt. Allen a Rhode Island Privateer & Carried to South Carolina & there Discharged & Copys of the Prosecution given him for his Remedy against the said Allen & Owners, being Examined Declared that he came to Boston that he may obtain a Lawyer, Not being willing to Trust to Rhode Island Lawyers, that he came to Town the last Saturday that he lodges at m^rs. Gubbots his intention is to return to Rhode Island immediately after engaging a Lawyer that his Vessell was taken upon the Coast of Curacoa that he himself was Master & merchant, that upon the Discharge of his Vessell at South Carolina he returned in her to martinique, that its Twenty [83.] Months since he was taken & Five months since he left Martinique bound for Rhode Island, that he hath the Copys of the Tryal of his Vessell at Carolina at his Lodgings which he is ready to produce.

Whereupon the Province Law was Read to him & he Ordered to Wait upon His Excellency the Governour Tomorrow morning.

April 17. 1744.

Agreeable to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting Yesterday the Select men Signed & presented a Petition to the Great & General Court praying a further Grant of money to this Town to En-

able them to Compleat the Fortifications or Batterys which is as follows, Viz^{t}.

To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Captain General & Governour in Chief, the Honourable the Council and House of Representatives in General Court assembled April 17. 1744.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Select men of the Town of Boston in the name & by Order of s^{d} Town, most humbly Sheweth.

That the General Court were pleased at their Sessions in April 1742 to make a Conditional Grant [**84.**] of One Thousand Pounds for the Fortifying said Town & at their Sessions in November 1743, to make another Conditional Grant of Six Hundred & Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence for the like purpose.

That the said Town have thankfully Accepted said Grants upon the Conditions annexed to them And they have begun & almost Compleated a Platform & Brest Work for the mounting of Twenty Guns at the North part of said Town in which they have already expended more than Eight Thousand Pounds Old Tenor & they find by a reasonable Computation that it will require upwards of Two Thousand Pounds more to Compleat it.

That the said Town have by their Vote Resolved to proceed forthwith to the Erecting a Battery at the South part of the Town & Notwithstanding a heavy Tax of Thirty Thousand Pounds Old Tenor which the Inhabitants are already Burthened with the present year & this exclusive of the Charge of Supporting their Ministers they have resolved to Raise an Additional Sum of ten Thousand Pounds by a Tax on Polls and Estates.

That this Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds will [**85.**] be far from Sufficient to Finish the proposed Necessary Works & procure such Cannon & Warlike Stores as are wanting & should any Addition be made to the Tax of the Town the Burthen would be insupportable.

Your Petitioners therefore Represent the distressed State of their Town to Your Excellency & Honours & most humbly pray that such further Grants may be made by this Honourable Court as shall Enable the Town together with the large Sums they have raised within themselves to Compleat their proposed and necessary Fortifications or that such other Relief may be granted them as to the Wisdom of the Court shall seem meet. And Your humble Pet^{rs}. shall ever pray &c.

S. A. &c. Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 18. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Henry Price appeared & informed that he was about to Build a House in King Street & Desired the Select men [**86.**] would be present to run the Line between his Land & the said Street.

Mr. John Blake Appeared and desired the Select men would run the Line between his Land & the Towns at the South End.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Hutchinson & Steel be a Committee for the removing of mr. Hutchinsons Engine under the Care of m^{r}. John Earle to the Land belonging to the New North Church, m^{r}. Hutchinson Consenting to it.

M^{r}. Hill Goudy Appeared & informs that he with his Wife came into this Town from Medford the 14th of march 1742. & Entred then into Mr. Decosters Service by the month & some times lived in Town & some time on m^{r}. Decosters Farm in Newton till July last when he came to this Town & hath lived here ever since.

Information is given that James Handry is come into this Town from Blanford & hath been here about Twelve Days and hath left a Wife behind him.

Voted That the Town Clerk be directed to Serve the Assessors with a Copy of the Vote of the Town at their meeting the Sixteenth instant for [**87.**] Raising the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Old Tenor for Fortifications.

M^{r}. Josiah Baker Master of One of the North Engines appeared & informed that the Engine under his Care was first brought to Work at the Fire which broke out the 13th instant at the House of m^{r}. George Skinner & desired a Draft for the Premium Allowed by the Town —

Ordered, That a Draft be made next Draft Day accordingly.

M^{r}. Samuel Wentworth appeared & informs that he intends to Quit the Cellar under the Town House which he Hires of the Town when his next Quarter is up.

Mem^{o}. April, 20. 1744.

Liberty is hereby Granted to m^{r}. Patrick Gatty to Dig up the Pavement & Open the Ground in Fish Street in Order to lay a Drain into the Common Shore there, Upon Condition that he forthwith make good the Ground & Pavement again & keep the same in repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen.

[**88.**] On the 19th of April 1744 the Select men went down to the Hospital at Rainsfords & (after Washing, Cleansing & Shaving) Dismissed nine of the Sailors belonging to the Privateer Billander Capt. Rouse Commander & Supplied them with Fresh Cloaths at the Province Charge.

And on the 20th instant Capt. Rouse in the Billander Privateer was permitted by the Select men to come up to Town, they Apprehending She had been Sufficiently Smoked & Cleansed.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Apr. 24. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Information is given that Thomas Barnard has received into his

House & Entertains contrary to Law One Price & Family who is lately come into this Town from Dorchester.

Voted That Edward Richards Junr. be & hereby is Admitted One of the Engine men under mr. [**89.**] Josiah Baker master of One of the North Engines in the room of Zephaniah Bassett who is removed to the Engine under m^{r}. Suttons Care. m^{r}. Baker informing that Capt. Bridge hath cleared the said Richards from military Exercises for this Service.

Voted, That Zephaniah Bassett John Lane Junr. Thomas Walker Shipwright, Rignell Odell and John Blowers Mason be & hereby are admitted Engine men under m^{r}. Bartholomew Sutton Master of the Engine kept in Queen street.

Ordered That James Goudy & Sarah his Wife from Medford be Warned to depart the Town in Fourteen Days or give Security to the Satisfaction of the Selectmen to Save the Town harmless as the Law directs.

Agreeable to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting the 16th. instant the Select men Signed a Bond to the Province Treasurer for the performing of the Conditions of a Grant of the General Court of £666 ,, 13 ,, 4. for Erecting another Battery in this Town.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Clarke & Steel Wait upon the Province Treasurer with the said Bond, receive the money of him & pay the same to the Town Treasurer taking his Receipt.

[**90.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 30. 1744. A. M.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

The Select men having this Day received a Precept for the Choice of Representatives.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty Shillings p. annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Friday the Fourth of May next at Nine o'Clock in the forenoon, Then & there to Elect & Depute One or more Persons (being Free holders & Resident in the Town) according to the number Set & Limited by an act of the General Assembly to Serve for and Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly [**91.**] appointed to be Convened held & kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the Thirtieth Day of May next ensuing & so De Die in Diem during their Session & Sessions, according to a Precept under the hand & Seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the

County of Suffolk bearing Date the Thirtieth Day of April In the Seventeenth Year of His majesty's Reign A. D. 1744

Also alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town qualified as the Law directs, to meet at the same time & places, To Grant such Sums of Money as may be tho't needful for Relief of the Poor & defraying other necessary Charges and to Consider the Reports of the Town's Committees on Several affairs; To Choose Three Clerks of the market & such other officers as refuse to Serve that were Chose at the Meeting in March last.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 30th. 1744. P. M.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[92.] Colo. Jacob Wendell Appeared & by order of His Excellency the Captain General desired an account from the Select men of what Stock of Powder, Ball &c. the Town is provided with.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on white Bread Allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		3 -	½
Wheaten		3 -	7½
Household		5 -	10
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1l -	4 -	13

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 2, 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[93.] John Rowleston Sexton of the Old South Church, Appeared & desired he might have Liberty to Dig Graves &c. in the South Burying places in the room of John Chambers who is gone out of the Countrey.

Voted, That he be Admitted upon the same Conditions & under the same Regulations as the other Grave Diggers are.

Mr. Larrabee informs that Edmund Morton about nine months since received into his House his Sister Mary Morton from Plimouth & hath not given Information thereof according to Law

m^r^. Justice Clarke fined the said Edmund Forty Shillings Old Tenor for his neglect in that behalf.

Mr. Larrabee also informs that John Homer with his Wife & Child is lately come into this Town from Cape Porpus & live at m^rs^. Lewis's house near m^r^. Lorings in Middle Street.

Information is given that Ann Haycock hath taken into her House as Tenants Daniel Gross & Wife from Medford & has not informed thereof according to Law.

[**94.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 5, 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the Ninth Day of may instant at Nine o'clock in the forenoon, Then & there to Consider of some method of Raising money for Discharging the arrears that are due for Fortifying the Town by their Order, To Consider & Determine Whether they will raise any further Sum of money, and if any how much, either for the Purchasing Land or Flatts for to Build a Battery on, or for providing materials or Labour for Erecting and finishing any further Fortifications [**95.**] That are or may be determined on, or for procuring Warlike Stores, To Consider & Determine Whether any thing further be Necessary for the Town to do with respect to the Acceptance or refusal of the General Courts Grant of Six Hundred & Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence & to Consider & Determine upon such matters & things as were at the last Meeting refer'd over to this.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fourteen Shillings old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges, Saving only on white bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	14½
Wheaten		3 -	5
Household		5 -	5
Six penny wheaten Loaf	1^l^ -	3 -	14

According to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting yesterday, the Select men Signed the Draft of a Letter to Chris-

topher Kilby Esqr. in London Dated the 4th. instant as the same was amended & accepted by the Town, to be Sent by Capt. Inches.

[**96.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 15. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

The Select men made the following Application to Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, relating to Persons of the French Nation, now resident in this Town, Viz^{t}.

Town of Boston, 13, May 1744

Pursuant to a Law, of this Province made in the Fourth year of King William & Queen Mary, We the Subscribers Select men of the Town of Boston having good Information that many Persons of the French nation have lately been seen walking in the Street & are still Resident in the Town do make this Our Complaint thereof & Application to your Honours that all such Persons may forthwith be Committed to Prison there to remain until Released by Order of the Governour & Council. To the Honble. Edwd. Hutchinson Esqr. & John Fayerweather Esqr. Two of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Suffolk

[**97.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 16. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

M^{r}. Andrew Hall Junr. Appeared & informed that he with his Wife had lately removed into this Town from Medford & desired to be admitted Inhabitants.

Voted, That he attend again next Wednesday.

Information is given that —— Barnard has Entertained One Gurney Price a Stranger a Considerable time & has not Notified the Select men thereof as the Law directs.

In Consideration of the Difficult Circumstances of the Province, especially of the Town of Boston & the little Advantage in Cleaning the Glass at the Town House.

Voted, That that Expence & Charge be Saved for the present year.

Voted, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasury for Fifty Pounds Old Tenor payable to m^{r}. John Clough by Order of Court for the High Way [**98.**] at the South end laid out thro' his Land from Frog Lane to Nassau Street.

Voted, That the Bond given by John Read Esqr. to the Select men of Boston in 1738, be immediately put in Suit.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 18. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Whereas the Select men have received Advice from Eliakim Palmer Esqr. at London respecting the Controversy between the Town of Boston & Abraham Francis & others

Therefore Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston,

In His Majesty's Name Requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll to Convene at Faneuil Hall [**99.**] on Thursday the Twenty fourth Day of May instant at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon then & there to Consider & Determine Whether it will be proper to give any Instructions to their Agents relating to this Affair differing from what has already been Determined by the Town.

At a Meeting of the Select men, may 28th. 1744.

Present

Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel

Capt. John Bulkley with his Wife & One Child of about Nine years Old lately come into this Town from Lynn desired to be Admitted Inhabitants.

Voted, That they be Warned to depart the Town in Twenty Days unless they give Security in the Sum of One Hundred Pounds Lawful money to Indemnify the Town from all Charge forever.

Mrs. Barnard near m^{r}. Hills Still house bro't a Woman One Margaret Barnall who She Says has been at her House Ten Days with Capt. Edmunds, Barnall Says She has lived Seven Years in Town [**100.**] That She is now Wife to said Edmonds who has been in Town about Seven Months.

Voted That all the Free Negroes in the Town be Ordered about mending the High Way by m^{r}. minots on the Neck. *nothing Lane*

Voted, That m^{r}. Jeremiah Fisher of Dedham be Allowed a Draft on the Town Treasury for Sixteen Pounds Old Tenor for a Bull bought of him for the Town.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fourteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket

Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	14½
Wheaten		3 -	5
Household		5 -	5
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}	3 -	14

[**101.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 6. 1744.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mrs. Bethia Doggett from Marshfield lodges at m^{r}. Wheelers has been in Town ab^{t}. Twenty five Days.

Ordered That She be Warned to depart the Town in Fourteen Days unless She give Security to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon her Acco^{t}. as the Law directs.

Col^{o}. Pollard Appeared & desired Liberty to meet in Faneuil Hall in Order to learn the Exercise of the Fire lock, to a Number of Gentlemen who have formed themselves into a Company of Cadets.

Voted, That Liberty be granted during pleasure provided they make good all Damage which may be done to the Room.

Voted, that m^{r}. Jacob Emmons be Prosecuted for receiving One Eliz^{a}. Wormwood into his House from Lynn & not informing thereof as the Law directs.

[**102.**] Mr. Stephen Calass a Goldsmith from Cape Francois Appeared & was directed to give Bond to Indemnify the Town as the Law directs.

Mr. John Reynold from Bristol is admitted an Inhabitant, provided m^{r}. Edward Marion give Bond with him in One Hundred Pounds Lawful money to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon his Acco^{t}.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 13. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Information is given that Richard Perkins Nailer hath received into his House One Timothy Turner from Concord and not informed thereof as the Law directs.

John Bable with his Wife from Kittery & now lives at Capt. Harris's Appeared & desired to be admitted Inhabitants of this Town.

[**103.**] According to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting

the ninth of May last, the Select men Signed & presented a Petition to the Great and General Court, which is as follows, Viz^t.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Captain General & Governour in Chief, the Honourable the Council & House of Representatives in General Court assembled May, 30, 1744.

The Petition of the Select men of Boston in the name & by Order of the said Town Humbly Sheweth

That the General Court at their Sessions in April 1742 were pleased to make a Conditional Grant of One Thousand Pounds for the Fortifying said Town, Which Grant was thankfully Accepted by the Town upon the Conditions annext to it and they immediately begun & have almost Compleated a Platform & Breast Work for the mounting of Twenty Guns at the North part of said Town in which they have already expended above the Sum of Eight Thousand Pounds Old Tenor & the Inhabitants finding that to Compleat the same it would take at least Twenty five Hundred Pounds Old Tenor [**104.**] on the Ninth of May last Chearfully Voted that Sum should be immediately raised among themselves for that purpose.

That the General Court at their Sessions in November last were pleased in their Great Goodness to make another Conditional Grant of Six Hundred & Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence for Erecting another good & Sufficient Breast Work in said Town, which the Town at a Meeting of the Inhabitants on the Sixteenth of April last Accepted on the Conditions therein mentioned & then Voted, That the Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds Old Tenor should be raised for Compleating the same.

That many of the Inhabitants afterwards Apprehending it would be impossible Considering the heavy Tax of Thirty Thousand Pounds Old Tenor which the Inhabitants of Boston are already Burthened with the present year — Exclusive of the Charge of Supporting their Ministers & School Masters to Raise the said Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds, Petitioned the Select men of Boston that another Town meeting might be called for to Reconsider the said Votes [**105.**] which was accordingly & at a meeting of the Inhabitants the said Ninth of March they proceeded to Reconsider their Votes whereby they had Accepted of said Grant of Six Hundred Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence & also raised the said Ten Thousand Pounds, And after Solemnly Debating the same & having a due Consideration of the present distressing Circumstances of the Inhabitants it Appeared that the raising said Sum of Ten Thousand Pounds would be an Insupportable Burthen to them & then Determined not to raise said Sum or Accept of said Grant of £.666 ,, 13 ,, 4. on the Conditions required, but notwithstanding the many Difficulties they Labour under Voted That the North Battery should be Compleated & that the Sum of Twenty five Hundred Pounds Old Tenor should be immediately raised for that purpose as above mentioned which by a reasonable Computation will but just finish the Necessary Works without procuring such Cannon & Warlike Stores as are wanting.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray your Excellency &

Honours will be pleased in your [**106.**] Great Goodness to Alter the aforesaid Grant of Six Hundred & Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence in such manner as that the same may be Applied for the Purchasing of Cannon & Warlike Stores &c. for the said North Battery, & thereby the Inhabitants will be Enabled to make a Vigorous Defence whenever they are Attack't. which may be a means of not only preserving themselves but other neighbouring Towns & places (your Petrs. Assuring your Excellency & Honours that were it possible the Town with the greatest Chearfulness would have Accepted the said Grant on the Conditions mentioned & Erected another Breast Work) or that such other Relief may be granted them as to the known Goodness & Wisdom of your Excellency & Honours shall seem best. And your Petrs. (as in Duty bound) shall ever pray &c.

S. A. &c. Select men of Boston.

Voted, That that the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town pursuant to the Vote and Order of the Inhabitants at their Annual Meeting the 12th. of March be Attended on Fryday the Twenty Second of June Current & that the following [**107.**] Gentlemen be desired to Accompany the Select men in the said Visitation — Vizt.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Danforth Esqr.
The Hon. James Allen Esqr.
The Hon. Thomas Cushing Esqr.
The Revd. Joseph Sewall D. D.
The Revd. Charles Chauncy D. D.
The Revd. mr. Samuel Checkley
The Revd. mr. mather Byles
The Revd. mr. Jeremiah Condy
William Downe Esqr.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
mr. Timothy Prout
Capt Alexander Forsyth
mr. Charles Apthorp

Ordered That mr. Savell give Seasonable Notice to the Several Gentlemen of this Appointment & that they be desired to meet at Faneuil Hall at Nine o'Clock in the Morning of said Day, And that mr. Savell Acquaint the Several School masters therewith.

[**108.**] Voted, That there be a Dinner provided for the Gentlemen that Visit the Schools the next Week at the Orange tree & that Capt. Steel & Capt. Salter be desired to give directions accordingly.

Whereas the Posts Set up for the Preservation of the Pavement lately laid in Wilsons Lane are Cut down & Damage is done to the Pavement thereby.

Ordered, That the Posts be again Set up & if any Person shall be so hardy as to Cut them down again that he be Prosecuted therefor.

The Revd. mr. Roger Price desires he may move his Fence be-

fore his Land in Sea Street at the South end down Eastward so as to range with his Neighbours to the Southward.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 19. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[**109.**] Agreed with m^{r}. Jonathan Willis to Sell him the South Market which the Town Built on Land Leased of him for that purpose with the Posts & Rails thereon Standing for the Sum of Sixty five Pounds Old Tenor, for which he gave his Note of hand this Day payable to the Town Treasury Three Months after Date.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 25, 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Hancock.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on House hold Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
[**110.**] Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	11½
Wheaten		3 -	
Household		4 -	15
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l} -	2 -	15½

The Select men on Fryday last the Twenty Second instant according to appointment Visited the Publick Schools in this Town, being accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Danforth Esqr.
The Hon. James Allen Esqr.
The Rev. Joseph Sewall D. D.
The Rev. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev. m^{r}. Mather Byles
William Downe Esqr.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth
m^{r}. Charles Apthorp

and found the said Schools under good Regulation the number of Scholars in each School were as follows Viz^{t}.

In the north Writing School Two Hundred In the South Writing

School One Hundred & Forty, In the South Grammar School One Hundred & Seven.

[**111.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 26. 1744.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.

m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

Voted, That the Widow Shute be Prosecuted for Entertaining One Robert Henry & Wife from Deerfield & not informing thereof as the Law directs.

Voted, That m^{r}. Thornton be immediately Prosecuted for Entertaining One Shepard with his Wife from the Countrey and not informing thereof as the Law directs

Thomas Moulin Junr. desires he may be removed from the merchants Watch at the Dock & be placed at the Watch by the Town house.

Voted, That the Select men will take the affair of the Merchants Watch into Consideration according to the Vote of the Town.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 11. 1744.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Salter

[**112.**] Joseph Vesey informs as the Law directs that he has taken into his House as Tenants m^{r}. Wilson & four Children from Annapolis.

Voted, That the Select men View the Several Streets of this Town in Order to See what Repairs are Necessary to be done to the broken Pavements & that mess^{rs}. Fosdick & Thornton be desired to Attend the Select men on that Service on Friday next at Nine o'Clock A. M.

Information is given that William Thompson with his Wife & One Child & George Villiers with his Wife & One Child are lately come into this Town from the Eastward

The Select men this Day Examined & past the Several Accounts of Charge upon Capt. Rouse's People who had the Small Pox at the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island at the Province Charge amounting to Nine Hundred & Fifty three Pounds Ten Shillings & Seven pence Old Tenor, as by a particular acco^{t}. thereof on file appears.

[**113.**] At a Meeting of the Select men July 25. 1744.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thos. Hutchinson Esqr.

mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Robert Wilson Informs that he has taken into his Barn One Andrew Bello with his Wife & Three Children from the Eastward who were brought in here a few Days past by William Knox, & that they are People of no Substance.

Messrs. Fosdick & Thornton appeared & the Select men Agreed to give them Four Shillings & nine pence Old Tenor p. yard for mending the Towns part of the broken Pavements in Several of the Streets of the Town by them Viewed last Week, they finding all materials & doing it Workmanlike and to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

The Abutters & Owners of Drains to pay their proportions where its defective which if any refuse to do they are not to Pave it until they have given the Select men Notice thereof.

Upon a motion made & Seconded Voted

[**114.**] That Jonas Clarke Esqr. desire His Majesty's Justices of this Town to Afford the Select men their Company in the Council Chamber on Monday next the 30th. instant in Order to agree upon the time for Setting a Watch upon the Neck on the Lords Days as has been Customary at this time of the year.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 30, 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

John Beard informs that he has received into his House as Tenants One Robert Hazard with Eight Children from the Eastward.

Mr. John Earle informs that the Engine under his Care wants some Repairs.

Voted, That m^{r}. Earle be desired to get the same repaired in the best & Cheapest manner at the Charge of the Town.

Voted, That mr. Treasurer Foye have Liberty to House some Grain in the Towns Granary for the Province he paying the Customary price for Housing the same.

[**115.**] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifteen Shillings old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2 -	11½
Wheaten	3 -	
Household	4 -	15
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}. - 2 -	15½

At a meeting of the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace & the Select men of the Town of Boston July 30, 1742.

A Ward on Boston Neck upon the Lords Days was then Ordered & Appointed from & after the Date hereof, until the Tenth Day of October next ensuing inclusive as has been Customary heretofore, And a Warrant was issued accordingly & is in the Words following Viz^t.

Boston ss. To each & every of the Constables of the Town of Boston, Greeting,

Whereas by an Act of the Great & General Court pass'd in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William the Third Intitled An Act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted That from time to time when & so often as a Military Watch shall not be Ordered, & Appointed to be kept the Justices of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered & Authorized to Direct & Order a Suitable Watch or Watches to be Set up & Kept &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lords Day and other Days as they shall think needful & to appoint the Number whereof such Watch & Ward shall consist, & the time for the beginning & Continuance of the same, And the Constable or Constables of the Town having Orders accordingly given him or them in Writing by the Justices & Select men are thereby Impowered & required from time to time to Warn such Watch & Ward respectively & to See that all Persons so Warned by them do Attend & Observe their Duty in that regard. And Whereas the said Justices & Select men are Informed of frequent Prophanations of the Lords Day (Especially [**116.**] at this Season of the Year) by loose vain Persons, Servants, Negroes, &c Unnecessarily Travelling or Walking to & from Boston & Roxbury with neglect of attending on the Publick Worship of God in either place, & bringing from the neighbouring Towns, Corn Apples & other Fruits of the Earth to the great disturbance of the Publick peace & Scandal of Our Christian Religion.

Its therefore Ordered by the said Justices & Selectmen, that from & after the Date hereof & until the Tenth Day of October next ensuing (Inclusive) the Constables of & within the Town of Boston & every of them by turns do Warn & appoint Eight meet & Sober Persons Inhabitants of the said Town on the Lords Day to Ward on the Neck or High Way between Boston & Roxbury at some Convenient place near the Line of Defence Four of the said Persons are to give their Attendance there at Six o'Clock in the Morning until half an hour after Twelve at Noon, & there to be relieved by the other Four, who are there to Continue upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening.

[**117.**] And the Constable or Constables are to take Care in Warning thereof that such Ward do not Consist of all or the greatest part Youths, but that some able Householders or other Sufficient Persons be joined with them, And the said Constables are hereby enjoined to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent & Suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers & Restrain them from Disporting Idle Walking or Unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day And if any Person or Persons be Rude Refractory or shall refuse

to give a Satisfactory Account of the Occasion of their Travelling or otherwise Misbehave themselves to take them up & Carry them before the next Justice of the Peace or return their Names to such Justice in Order to their being Examined & proceeded against according to the nature of their Offence as Prophaners of the Lords Day. Given under Our hands & Seals at Boston the Thirtieth Day of July, in the Eighteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign Annoq Domini, 1744.

[**119.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 1. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to give m^{rs}. Dyre who keeps the Alms house a Certificate of the Names of the Persons who came in the Flags of Truce from Cape Breton & was Sent to that House at the desire of the Governour & Council — Also Voted That the Select men Visit the Almshouse & enquire of the Number of Persons Arriving in said Flags of Truce, how many are Discharged & what Number remains &c.

Ordered, That the Persons who came from the Eastward to this Town, be immediately Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

Voted, That Joshua Thornton Jacob Emmons, William Wheeler & m^{rs}. Shute be prosecuted for receiving & entertaining Inmates contrary to Law.

Voted, That Liberty be granted to m^{r}. Abia Holbrook to keep a private School to teach [**120.**] youth the Rules of Psalmody Agreeable to his Petition therefor.

Liberty is granted to the Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Roger Price to bring out his Fence on a Line with Capt. Darbys Corner on Summer Street.

The Select men Agreed to meet on Monday next at three o'Clock in the Afternoon to Settle the Acco^{ts}. of the Collectors of Taxes & they are desired then to Attend.

Abigail Fairfield informs that She has received into her House One Kemplin with Two Children from Annapolis.

The Select men Allowed Joseph Heath Esqr. Ten Pounds Old Tenor for taking the Depositions in Francis & Jones's Case & for Travelling &c.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 8. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Jeremiah Allen informed that he had taken into his House

as Tenants One m^r Roach & Family [121.] from Cape Cod who live in His House on Wentworths Wharf.

Patrick Bourk One of the Ticket Porters Complains against Darby Crotty another of the said Porters for Stealing Rum &c.

Voted, That Capt. Adams, Capt. Steel & Capt. Salter be a Committee to Prosecute the Abutters on each Side of the Way leading to Roxbury within the Fortification.

John Blake informs that he has taken into a House of His, One William Knox Wife & Five Children from Lynn, Ordered That the said Knox Attend next Wednesday.

The Select men having Examined the Accounts of the Collectors of Taxes, find

That m^r. John Staniford had Committed to him to Collect for the Years, 1740 the Sum of £13237 ,, 4 ,, 1 Old Tenor which he has paid into the Several Treasurers & produced their Receipts in full.

Voted, That he have a Draft on the Town Treasurer for his allowance for Collecting the same to 1741. as Voted by the Town & that the Bonds by him given for those years be delivered up to him.

[22.] That Capt. John Goldthwait had Committed to him to Collect for the years 1739, 1740 & 1741, the Sum of £ 12016 ,, 14 ,, 9. Old Tenor which he has paid into the Several Treasurers & produced their Receipts in full.

Voted, That he have a Draft on the Town Treasurer for his Allowance for Collecting the same to 1741. as Voted by the Town & that the Bonds by him given for those Years be delivered up to him.

That mr. Jacob Sheafe had Committed to him to Collect for the years 1738, 1740, and 1741. the Sum of £.29071 ,, 4 ,, 7. Old Tenor which he has paid into the Several Treasurers & produced their Receipts in full.

Voted, That he have a Draft on the Town Treasurer for his allowance for Collecting the same to 1741. as Voted by the Town & that the Bonds by him given for those years be delivered up to him.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 9. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[123.] A Petition of several of the Free holders and Inhabitants of the Town was presented to the Select men praying a Town meeting might be called to give Instructions to the Representatives of the Town relating to the Publick Taxes, which was Read.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the Fourteenth Day of August Current at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon. Then & there to receive the Report of a Committee Appointed to Write to the Agents of the Town on the affair of Abraham Francis & others, As likewise to Consider a Petition of Sundry Persons of the Town for giving Instructions to their Representatives relating to the Publick Taxes & to choose Jury men for August Court, And to Consider & determine upon such matters & things as were at the last meeting refer'd over to this &c.

[124.] Boston Aug. 9. 1744.

Whereas the Petitions of Sundry Persons for Licence to Sell Strong Drink, either as Innholders or Retailers have been presented to the Select men & at Several Meetings by them Considered. A list of their Names & the Street where each Person Dwells with the Acting of the Select men on said Petitions is here Recorded as follows, Viz^t.

Innholders approved & Recommended, Viz^t.

Jonathan Brown - - -	Charlestown Ferry
Ebenezer Clough - - -	Charlestown Ferry
Martha Salter - - - -	Battery March

Retailers Approved & Recommended, Viz^t

Ebenezer Berry - - - -	Orange Street
Samuel Barber - - - -	Middle Street
Thomas Brookes - - -	North Street
William Ciapham - - -	Queen Street
William Coffin - - - -	Orange Street
Bethiah Cotta - - - -	Corn hill
Ebenezer Cushing - - -	Oliver Street
James Day - - - - -	Orange Street
Margaret Freeman - - -	Back Street
Elisha Foster - - - -	Newbury Street
James Hodgson - - - -	Shrimpton's Lane
[125.] John Helyer - - - -	Salutation Lane
Johnson Jackson - - -	Orange Street
Zechariah Johonnot - -	Orange Street
Sarah Kimball - - - -	Cambridge Street
Edward Lack - - - -	Middle Street
Michael Lowell - - - -	Union Street
John Minot - - - - -	Orange Street
William maxwell - - -	Newbury Street
Mary Mason - - - -	Wings Lane
John Procter - - - -	Clarks Square
William Phillips - - -	Fleet Street
Mary Ruby - - - - -	Prince Street
Margaret Rust - - - -	Wentworths Wharf
Thomas Smith - - - -	Salem Street
Anna Thomas - - - -	Mackarel Lane
Katharine Taylor - - -	Middle Street
Sendall Williams - - -	School Street

	Frances Wardell - - -	Hanover Street
	Samuel Wheeler - - -	Orange Street
	James Young - - - -	Green Lane
Innholder, Disallowed, Viz^{t}.		
	Hugh Scott - - - - -	Leveretts Lane
Retailers, Disallowed, Viz^{t}.		
	Mary Atwood - - - -	Wentworths Wharf
	Jacob Bartlet - - - -	Ann Street
[**126.**]	Timothy Crouchington -	Windmill point
	Jane Davis - - - - -	Barton's point
	Thomas Eyre - - - -	Fish Street
	Thomas Gyles - - - -	Essex Street.
	William Knox - - - -	Sea Street
	James Lamotte - - - -	Newbury Street
	Charles Lugg - - - -	Middle Street
	Phillip Marlon - - - -	Hawkins Street
	Deborah Myrick - - -	Pitts's Wharf
	Thomas Moulin - - -	Queen Street
	Elizabeth Nowell - - -	Ship Street
	Elizabeth Smith - - -	Purchase Street
	John Sorien - - - - -	Newbury Street
	James Torbitt - - - -	Orange Street
	James Williams - - -	King Street

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug 15. 1744.

Present.

Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

A Petition of m^{r}. Peter Gebande praying Liberty to Open a School for teaching of the Latin & French Languages being Read and Considered & after Enquiry into the Affair

[**127.**] Voted That he be not Allowed to keep any School in this Town

Upon the Complaint made against Darby Crotty One of the Ticket Porters for Stealing Rum &c.

Voted That he be Dismissed from his Employment as a Ticket Porter & that his Ticket be taken from him having never given Bond for his good behaviour.

Ordered, That m^{rs}. Barker be Warned to depart the Town unless She gives Bond with Sufficient Suretys to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon her Acco^{t} as the Law directs.

Mr. James Allen informs that he has taken into his House One m^{rs}. Dyson who came from Annapolis.

Mr. Read Master of the Engine kept under the Town house informs that his Engine is out of repair.

Voted, That Capt. Salter be desired to See that the same be put in Order.

Mr. Carlisle a Taylor from Scotland informs that he has been in Town near Twelve months & has Hired a House of m^{r}. Thomas Hill.

Ordered, That he be Warned to depart the Town unless he gives Bond to Indemnify the Town as the Law directs & that mr. Hill be notified to attend next Wednesday.

[**128.**] Voted, That the Bond which was Signed by the Select men to the Province Treasurer as Entred the 24th. of April last for the Sum of Six Hundred & Sixty Six Pounds Thirteen Shillings & four pence Granted by the General Court for Erecting another Battery in this Town, be Cancelled, the Select men having neither received the said Sum nor delivered the Bond to the Treasurer, which was done accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 22. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Benja Piton a Soldier at His Majesty's Castle William being very poor & infirm was Recommended by His Excellency Governour Shirley to be taken Care of in the Alms house at the Province Charge.

Mr. John Wheelwright desires that Michael Bourk may be Admitted One of the Ticket Porters & said that he & mr. Joseph Green merchant would be his Bondsmen.

Voted, That he be Admitted [**129.**] accordingly, provided the said Wheelwright & Green be Bondsmen for his good Behaviour.

Jane Colman the Wife of Lawrence Colman having been Warned to depart the Town or give Security as the Law directs now appeared & Offered messrs. John Savell & Jacob Pound Hatter as Suretys.

Ordered, That She Attend next Wednesday again.

Matthias Woodis Appeared & informed he had lately come into this Town to dwell with his Wife Sarah & two Children, namely Ebenezer & Sarah & proposed to give Bond with Suretys to Indemnify the Town from any Charge as the Law directs, he was Allowed till next Wednesday to find Suretys & then Attend & bring their names.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 27. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Memo. On the third of July last the Select men by direction of His Excellency the Governour & the Council Sent to the Alms house the following Persons who were [**130.**] Taken Prisoners at Canso & brought here from Cape Breton to be kept & main-

tained there at the Province Charge & gave an order to m^r. Dyre to receive them, Viz^t.

Inhabitants of Canso

Agnes Berry
John Berry
——— Everton
Hannah House & her two Children
Eleanor Macklen & One Child
Ann Lewis & her Daughter
Eliz^a. Crosby & her Daughter
Francis Matthews his Wife & Six Children
Mary Mucklin & three Children
Mary Carill & One Child
Daniel m^cNamarro
Daniel m^cAffee
Edward Cane
Mary Carr & her Child
Lucy Caldwith & her Child

Soldiers at Canso

Charles Ward
Jonathan Holcom
Isaac Lovett
James Been
Thomas Phillips
Walthey Nights
William Cook
William Pharris
Anthony Buckworth
William Tracey
William Thomas
John Marsh
John Taylor
Edward Andros

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up as Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fourteen Shilling Old Tenor p. Rushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings and Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for [**131.**] Charges Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^t.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - -		2 -	14½ -
Wheaten - - - - - - -		3 -	5 -
Household - - - - - - -		5 -	5 -
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf - - -	1^l-	3 -	14 -

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 5. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke

Mr. William Waters keeper of the Province Hospital at Rainsfords Island declining to keep the same any longer, unless his Salary be considerably raised.

Voted That the Town Clerk be directed to Advertize in the Publick prints, that any Person inclining to keep at the said House may be treated with by the Select men on that Affair.

The Leases of the Towns Shops on the Town Dock expiring the first of Sept. instant. Voted, That that affair be brought under immediate Consideration.

Voted, That mr. Hancock & mr. Cooke be a Committee to See that the Chimneys in the Town House be repaired.

[**132.**] It is Agreed upon & Ordered that Monday the Seventeenth Day of September Currant be the time for running the Line & renewing the Bound marks between the Town of Boston & the Town of Roxbury & that the Select men or any two of them be a Committee for & in behalf of the Town of Boston fully Authorized & Impowered to join with such Persons as the Select men of Roxbury shall Appoint & Impower to Attend & perform the same & that all Persons concerned therein be & hereby are desired to meet at the House of mr. John Graton at the Sign of the Greyhound Roxbury at two of the Clock of the afternoon of the said Day in Order to Attend the said Business, And the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give Seasonable notice (by a Letter) to the Select men of Roxbury of this appointment Desiring them to Appoint & Impower a Committee in behalf of the Town of Roxbury to join with Us in that Service accordingly.

But if the Weather should prove Wet & Apparently Unsuitable for the Performance of the said Work on the Day above mentioned, then the same to be Attended & performed the next Day Vizt. On Tuesday the Eighteenth Day of September Current, [**133.**] To meet at the said place at Two o'Clock in the afternoon.

(Copy of the Letter to the Select men of Roxbury.)

Boston, Septr. 6 1744.

Gentlemen,

These are to give you Notice that this year is the time wherein according to Law, We are required to run the Boundary Line betwixt this Town and the Town of Roxbury.

You are therefore desired to Appoint & Impower a Committee to join with that of Ours, for the performance of that Service & that they meet Us at the House of mr. John Graton at the Sign of the Greyhound in Roxbury, on Monday the Seventeenth Day of September Current, at Two o'Clock in the afternoon. The Persons Appointed in behalf of this Town are the Select men, Vizt. Samuel Adams, Jonas Clarke, & Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. mr. Thomas Hancock mr. Middlecott Cooke, Capt. John Steel & Capt. William Salter & they or any two of them are Impowered to run the Line & renew the Bound marks between the said Towns of Boston & Roxbury accordingly. But if the Weather on the said Seventeenth Day of Septembr. should prove Wet & apparently Unsuitable for the Performance of this work, than We do propose & [**134.**] appoint to Attend the same on the next Day following Vizt.

On Tuesday the Eighteenth of this instant September to meet at the said place at two o'Clock in the Afternoon.

By Order of the Select men

EZEK^L^. GOLDTHWAIT Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 12. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Peter Simons a Native of Old France and Married at Rhode Island & brought his Wife to this Town about Three Weeks since appeared & Says he Dwells at m^rs^. Whartons at the South end, & has Petitioned the Governour for Liberty to Reside here but has not received his answer.

Ordered That he Attend His Excellency & not presume to Walk the Streets until he has leave according to Law.

Several of the Tenants now in Possession of the Towns Shops on the Dock appeared & desired to renew, their Several Leases their former Ones being expired, the first of Septr. instant Viz^t^.

[135.] mess^rs^. John & Rich^d^. Billings, 2 Shops No. 10 & 11
m^r^. John Welch - - - - 1 Ditto - 9
m^r^. Peace Casno - - - - 1 Ditto - 8
m^r^. Isaac Casno - - - - 1 Ditto - 7
m^r^. Benj^a^. Hodgdon - - - 1 Ditto - 6
m^r^. Increase Blake - - - 1 Ditto - 4
m^r^. Samuel Butler - - - 1 Ditto - 2

Mr. George Eustus (Glazier) Appeared & desired he might be Employed to Glaze the Windows at the South Writing School.

Voted, That he be Employed to do the same & that it be done with New Castle Glass.

Mr. John Trevett appeared & desired Liberty to Set up a School in this Town to Teach Writing & Arithmetick, he informs that he lives now at m^r^. Pointz the Chandlers & has been there Three Weeks that he came from Cape Breton & was taken at Canso.

Voted That Liberty be not granted him.

Several of the Clerks of the Market Appeared & desired that each of them & their Brethren in that Office might have a new Assize of Bread delivered to them as often as it is Altered.

Voted That for the Future the Town Clerk be directed to Serve each of the said Clerks with a Copy of the Assize of Bread as often as it is Altered.

[136.] Capt. Goulds Wharf (so Called) near the South Battery, is added to the Precinct of m^r^. Nathl Gardner One of the Sealers of Wood, & he is to View & Seal all Wood Landed thereon at the same price as in any other part of his Precinct.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 19. 1744.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.

Capt. Steel

The Select men this Day Let to m^{r}. Joseph Marion the Cellar under the West end of the Town-house at the Rent of Thirty Pounds Old Tenor p. Annum to be paid Quarterly, & delivered him the Key.

Phillip Mahaney is Admitted One of the Ticket Porters mess^{rs}. Stephen Greenleaf & Capt. Bartholomew Cheever having become Bound with him to the Town Treasurer for his faithful Discharge of that office.

At the Desire of His Excellency the Governour

The Select men Sent up to the Almshouse Sixteen Girls & Three Boys & a Woman arrived here yesterday from Cape Breton who were taken About [**137.**] about Six Weeks since by a French Privateer being Bound from Ireland to Philadelphia, At the same time was Sent a Woman delivered on board said Vessell her Husband & four Children, all of them to be maintained there at the Charge of the Province.

The Names of the Three Boys & Sixteen Girls from Ireland are as follows, Viz^{t}.

James Conner
Thomas Bryan
Charles White
Mary Roberts
Mary Price
Sarah Agin
Mary Benson
Margaret Anderson
Sarah Kathary
Elizabeth Campbell
Mary Hammond
Eliz^{a}. Fitzgerald
Sarah m^{c}.hun
Bridget m^{c}.Namarra
Eliz^{a}. Dunster
Fanny Brady
Jenny Richardson
Katharine Morris
Mary Derham

Ordered That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the Twenty fifth Day of September instant at three o'Clock in the Afternoon then & there to receive the Report of a Committee [**138.**] appointed to draw up Instructions for the Representatives relating to the

Publick Taxes & Several other Matters, & to Choose Jury men for October Court, and to consider & Determine upon such matters & things as were at the last meeting refer'd over to this &c.

The Select men of Boston in Concert with the Select men of Roxbury attended the Perambulation betwixt the two Towns on the Seventeenth Day of September Current, A Report whereof is here Recorded as follows, Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to Agreement We the Subscribers met at the time & place appointed & run the line & renewed the Ancient Bound marks, between the said Town of Boston & the Town of Roxbury, Beginning at the Mouth of the Creek which Opens into the Bay leading to Cambridge & so goes as the Creek runs until it comes in a range with the Fence & Trees which parts between John Richardson Esq^{rs}. Land formerly called m^{r}. minots then cross the Street or High Way till it comes to a Stump with a heap of Stones about Eighty feet from the High Way & from thence Straight to a little Knowl upon the Edge of the Creek a [**139.**] Corner of the Bounds & from thence Easterly as the Creek runs till it comes to a Stake marked B. on One Side & R. on the other in Col^{o}. Lamb's Dam, & from thence as the Creek runs into the Bay between Boston & Dorchester, Dated the 17th. Day of September, 1744.

JOSEPH HEATH JOSEPH WELD SAMUEL GRIDLEY JOHN RUGGLES JOHN DAVIS	Sel. men of Roxbury
SAMUEL ADAMS THOMAS HANCOCK MIDDLECOTT COOKE JOHN STEEL	Sel. men of Boston

This Day Capt. William Salter at the Desire of the Select men gave in an Acco^{t}. of the Quantity of Gunpowder belonging to the Town being in the whole Forty two half Barrells & Nine Pounds & which is all that has been in his keeping ever since may 1740, according to an Acco^{t}. by him Exhibited & is as foll^{s} Viz^{t}.

1734, D^{r}. The Town of Boston to William Salter — C^{r}.

Apr. 5.	To Powder dl^{d}. Isaac White - - - -	1 - - -	
1740			
Apr. 19.	To d^{o}. dl^{d}. d^{o}. - - -	1 - - - -	
	To d^{o}. dl^{d}. Capt. Tyng - - -	1 - - - -	
		2 - 1 - - -	
	the 2 Barrels makes 4 half Barrels	- 4 - - -	
	Ballance due to the Town of Boston is	5	
	Forty two half Barr^{ls}. & nine Pounds	42 - 9^{lbs}	
	of Powder	47 - 9	
[**140.**]	Contra - - - - - - - - - C^{r}.		
1716 Jan. 4	By Powder rec^{d} - - - - -	6 - - -	

1732 Apr.	By d°. Seized p. the Firewards		15[l]
Jan.	By d°. bo't of Sundrys	18	
March	By d°. - - - - - - - - - -	16	
	By d°. Seized p. the Fireward		9[l]
1739, May	By d°. - - - - - - - - - -	5 - -	35
1740, May	By d°. returned p. Capt. Tyng -	1 - -	- - -
		47 -	9

Boston Sept[r]. 13th. 1744
Errors Excepted P[r]. W[M]. SALTER

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 24. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq[r].
Jonas Clarke Esq[r].
Thomas Hutchinson Esq[r].
m[r]. Hancock
m[r]. Cooke
Capt. Steel

James White with his Wife & One Child & Two Boys who all came from Cape Breton, being very poor & Indigent, were Recommended by the Select men to be taken Care of in the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize [**141.**] of Bread at the Rate of Fourteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat, & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on House hold Bread Allowed for Charges, & on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz[t].

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	14½
Wheaten		2 -	5
House hold		5 -	5
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1[l]	3 -	14
Six penny White Loaf	1[l]	3 -	14

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 26. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq[r].
Jonas Clarke Esq[r].
m[r]. Hancock
m[r]. Cooke

Mr. marion desires the South Cellar Door of the Cellar under the Town house which he Hires of the Town may be repaired, & that the Paving about the Doors of the said Cellar & the Glass Windows may be also repaired, he Promising, to Leave the Windows in good repair —

Voted, That m[r]. Hancock & mr. Cooke be desired to Consider thereof & do what they think proper therein.

[142.] At the Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 3. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Mr. John Earle master of One of the Fire Engines Appeared & informed that Joseph Belcher One of his Company is Decēd; & proposed Jedediah Lincoln as a Suitable Person to Supply his place.

Voted That the said m^{r}. Lincoln be Admitted into mr. Earles Company accordingly, he having the Consent of Capt. Cary to whose Company he belongs.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 10. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

The Select men Agreed with m^{r}. William Waters to keep the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island for the Year ensuing at Fifty Pounds p. Annum according to the last agreement bearing Date the Seventh Day of September, 1743.

[143.] The Select men Allowing him for his past extraordinary Services, Six Cord of Oak Wood & that himself and Servant (if he hath One) have the Preference in appointing a Guard at the Island in Case of Sickness there.

Voted, That the form of a Warrant for Warning out of Town, such Strangers as Obtrude themselves in this Town, be prepared by m^{r}. Goldthwait, & that a Suitable Number of them be Printed.

Mr. William Sheaf with a number of Gentlemen desire the Liberty of Faneuil Hall To morrow in the Afternoon being the Kings Coronation Day in Order to Celebrate the Day with a Concert of Musick.

Voted, That Liberty be granted they making good all Damages & that it be no President for the future.

Mrs. Birmingham & her two Children and Diana Ryan & her Child all from Annapolis were Sent to the Alms house to be taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

At a Meeting of the Select men Oct. 17. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steele

[144.] Voted, That Edward Haridine be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town he finding Security to the Satisfaction of the Select men to Indemnify the Town from any Charge upon his Acco^{t}. for Five years as the Law directs.

Voted, That m^{r}. Henry Price have Liberty to Set up a Sign Post

before his House in King Street under the Inspection of mess^{rs}. Clarke & Cooke.

Mr. John Earle master of One of the Fire Engines informs that the Engine under his Care was first brought to Work at the Fire which lately broke out near m^{r}. Brousdons Wharf, & desired that the Premium of Five Pounds Old Tenor granted by the Town may be allowed him.

Voted, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer next Draft Day for the same.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 24. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke

Liberty is granted to m^{r}. William Sheafe & [**145.**] a Number of Gentlemen for a Concert of Musick in Faneuil Hall on Tuesday next, it being His Majesty's Birth Day, the Gentlemen proposing the Benefit arising by the Tickets at Ten Shillings Old Tenor to be for the Benefit of the Poor of the Town to be disposed of at Discretion of the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 7. 1744.

Present.
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Robert Saco & Dilly his Wife, Two Free Negroes being Aged & infirm & inclining to go to the Island of Jamaica, desire the Sum of Twenty Pounds Old Tenor be given them towards their Passage &c.

Voted, That the said Sum of Twenty Pounds Old Tenor be granted for that purpose & m^{r}. Hancock is desired to See the same performed.

James White with his Wife & Child from Cape Breton formerly an Inhabitant of Canso were Sent to the Almshouse, there to be taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

[**146.**] Voted, That the Engine kept by Trinity Church be forthwith removed on to the Land belonging to the Town in the Possession of Solomon Kneeland & that Samuel Adams & Jonas Clarke Esq^{rs}. be desired to See the same done.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 21. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Voted, That Capt. Jefferys from London be Notified to Attend the Select men next Monday to give Security for some Passengers he brought in his Ship.

Mr. Henry Caswall afterwards Appeared and Promised to be Security for Capt. Jefferys for Mary Brown a widow who he brought a Passenger from London.

Annis Rimpland & two Children who came from Annapolis were Sent to the Almshouse, to be taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

Mr. William Sheafe &c. desire the Use of Faneuil Hall for a Concert of Musick in the room of that which was to have been performed on His Majesty's Birth Day, & as the Days are [147.] Very short, that they might have it in the Evening to break up at nine o'Clock, the Benefit arising by the Tickets to be for the Use of the Poor of the Town as the Select men shall direct.

Liberty is granted to them accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men Novr. 28th. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Benj^{a}. Sutton & Cesar Pharisee Two Indian Men that were Sent for by the Select men came to make answer to the Complaints against them. Benj^{a}. Sutton denys having any Disorderly Company & Says that Benj^{a}. Trott first received him in his House about Six years ago. Cesar not having been in Town with his Family above Three months, came first to m^{r}. Boutineau and is now under Warning.

Voted, That Directions be given as to both these Indians.

Ordered, That m^{r}. Trott be Notified to Attend next Wednesday.

[148.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 5. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Voted, That m^{r}. Hancock be desired to Advance for the Town Twenty Pounds Old Tenor for the Passage of Robin a Negro man & Dilley his Wife to the Island of Jamaica with Capt. Thomas Paine, the said Negroes being Old & likely in a short time to become a Town Charge.

Ordered. That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	15
Wheaten		2 -	12½
Household		4 -	5 -
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1[l]	0 -	12

[**149.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Dec[r]. 12. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq[r].
Jonas Clarke Esq[r].
m[r]. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter

The Select men received of m[r]. Stephen Deblois Two Hundred & Five Pounds Five Shillings Old Tenor being Collected by a Concert of Musick in Faneuil Hall, for the Use of the Poor of the Town.

The Hon[ble]. Samuel Danforth Sylvanus Bourn & Eliakim Hutchinson Esq[rs]. a Committee from the Court of Admiralty now Setting for the Tryal of Piracies Robberies &c. upon the High Seas, Desired the Liberty of Faneuil Hall for the Tryal of the Prisoners taken by Capt. Spry — Liberty was granted accordingly, the Province to make good all Damages that may be done the said House by the Croud Attending.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Dec[r]. 19. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq[r].
Jonas Clarke Esq[r].
m[r]. Hancock
Capt. Salter

[**150.**] Mr. Josiah Baker master of One of the Fire Engines at the North End, Appeared & Informed that his Engine was first bro't to Work at the Fire which lately broke out near Copps hill, & desired the Premium granted by the Town may be allowed him.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Dec[r]. 26. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq[r].
Jonas Clarke Esq[r].
m[r]. Hancock
Capt. Salter

Jane Mare to give Bond to the Town Treasurer with Two Suretys in the Sum of Fifty Pounds Lawful Money, to Indemnify the Town from any Charge as the Law directs.

Thomas Clark to give Bond to the Town Treasurer with Two Suretys in the Sum of two Hundred Pounds Lawful money, to Indemnify the Town from any Charge for him his wife and Three Children, as the Law directs.

Voted, That the Select men meet Tomorrow at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon in Summer Street at the House of m[r]. Balston to View said House, it being represented likely to Tumble down, [**151.**]

also m^{rs}. Websters house in Long Lane also ready to fall & take a Survey of them.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 31. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Caleb Dana Appeared & desired to hire a Stall in Faneuil Hall market, Viz^{t}. Number Twenty two being the same m^{r}. Winchester had last year.

The Select men having Viewed m^{r}. Studsons house in Summer Street & mrs. Websters in Long Lane are of Opinion that said Houses without some immediate repairs endanger the Inhabitants in their passing near them.

Voted, That said Studson & Webster be informed thereof & appear at Faneuil Hall next Wednesday & do what is proper to prevent the Presentment of the said Houses to the next General Sessions of the Peace.

Deacon William Larrabee desires a further Consideration for his Extraordinary Service the year past, The Select men took the same into [**152.**] Consideration & agreed to allow him for his extraordinary Service Fifty Pounds Old Tenor & the said Larrabee is desired to go on in the same Business till further Orders.

Voted, That m^{r}. Zech^{a}. Chandler be Allowed the Sum of Five Pounds Old Tenor for keeping One of the Towns Bulls that Strayed from this Town & mr. Hancock paid him the Money accordingly.

The Select men Sold to Major Edward White of Brookline Two Bulls, he delivering One good Bull of Three Years Old the first of April next, & forthwith Ten Hundred of Salt Hay, as by note under his hand.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & One Shilling p. Bushel on White Bread Allowed for Charges Saving only on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges; which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	15
Wheaten		2 -	12½
Household		4 -	5
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l}.	0 -	12

[**153.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 2. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Jon^{a}. Fessenden desires to Hire a Stall in Faneuil Market & to pay what price it shall be Set at, by the Select men,

James Atkinson Watchmaker from London Appeared & desired to be Admitted an Inhabitant & to open a Shop in this Town, which is here by granted, he having brought with him upwards of Five Hundred Pounds Sterling & being a Gentleman of a good Character.

Mr. John Beard informs that he has taken into his House, John Delany & Wife from Charlestown as Tenants.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 9. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[154.] Voted, That m^{r}. Stephen Minot Junr. be notified to attend next Wednesday with Respect to the Rest of the Towns Land on the neck set to his Father Stephen Minot Esqr.

Thomas M^{c}. Mills with his Wife and Three Children lately come into this Town, are Admitted Inhabitants provided mess^{rs}. Robert Duncan & Jon^{a} Cary give Bond with him in the Sum of One Hundred & Fifty Pounds Lawful Money to Indemnify the Town from all Charge upon their acco^{ts}. as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 15. 1744.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Salter

The Select men Signed the following Petition to His Excellency the Governour, praying him to take off the Prohibition of Stopping Vessels at the Castle coming from the Mediterrean, Viz^{t}.

To His Excellency the Governour,

Humbly Represent the Subscribers Select men of the Town Boston.

That they have good Information, **[155.]** that the Distemper in the Mediterrean which occasioned your Excellencys Order for restraining all Vessels from thence passing the Castle is now entirely Ceased They therefore pray that said Order of Restraint may be taken off, that Vessels may pass as Usual.

JONAS CLARKE
THO^{S}. HUTCHINSON
THOMAS HANCOCK
WILLIAM SALTER

At a Meeting of the Select men Jan. 16. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.

m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel

Messrs. Richard Buckley & Joshua Blanchard Two of the Assessors Appeared & informed that the Tax Books for the Year 1744, are ready to be delivered to the Collectors, if they are Qualified to receive them.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel on Wheaten Bread, [**156.**] Three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread & Six pence p. Bushel on a Six penny White Loaf or larger white Loaves Allowed for Charges, And on white Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

	oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf	2 -	5
Wheaten	2 -	12½
Household	4 -	5
of Six penny White Loaf	15 -	- -
Wheaten	1^l^ - 0 -	11
Household	1 - 9 -	14

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan 17. 1744.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

The Select men Signed & presented the following Memorial to the Great & General Court respecting the Hospital at Rainsfords Island. Viz^t^.

To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Governour in Chief in and over His Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England, The Honble. the Council & House of Representatives for said Province in General Court assembled, Decem^r^. 1744.

[**157.**] The Memorial of the Subscribers Select men of the Town of Boston.

Sheweth,

That there being but One House on Rainsfords Island for the Reception of Persons coming from on board any Vessel Infected with the Small Pox often Occasions many Inconveniences as well as Expence to the Province by reason that every One both Sick & well Persons are Obliged to remain in the same House, whereas if a Separate One was Built tho' of but One Room & a Chamber not only those Persons who have formerly had the Distemper might be much sooner Released from the Island than they possibly can now, but often times those Persons who have not been taken with that Distemper when they are brought from the Vessel might Escape it, and the Charge of such a Building as would Answer the End, We are of Opinion would not be much greater than the Expence Occasioned to the Province for want thereof, often comes to in a year, All which We Apprehend Our Duty to lay before

Your Excellency & Honours that You may Act herein as in Your Wisdom you Shall judge meet, We are Your Excellency & Honours, obedient Servants

S. A. &c. Select men

[**158.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 23. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Steel
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Salter

Ordered, That the Towns Shops on the Dock and Land on the Neck, be Advertised to be Let according to the Vote of the Town, the Leases being Expired.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan. 25. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Voted, That m^{r}. Hallowell be Prosecuted for coming out of the Ship Molineaux Frigat Capt. Jon^{a}. Snelling Commander without Leave from the Select men which Ship bro't the Small Pox into Nantasket Road.

Upon the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for Calling a Town meeting respecting the Collectors of Taxes being in Arrears, and also that the [**159.**] Tax Books for the present year might not be delivered to them till the Town meet to Consider thereof.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name, Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town, qualified as the Law directs, to meet at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the Thirty first instant at Three o'Clock in the Afternoon, to Consider of a Petition of Sundry Inhabitants relating to the Collectors of Taxes & also Determine whether the Tax Books for the year 1744, be delivered them before they have paid in what they are now in Arrears for former Taxes, And to Chuse Jury men for February Court

At a Meeting of the Select men Jan. 28. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Salter

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen Shillings Old Tenor p. Bushel for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushel [**160.**] on Wheaten Bread Three

Shillings & Six pence p. Bushel on Household Bread, Six pence p. Bushel on a Six penny White Loaf or larger White Loaves Allowed for Charges, & on White Bisket Two Shillings p. Bushel for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	oz -	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2 -	5
Wheaten	2 -	12½
Household	4 -	5
of Six penny White Loaf	15 -	
Wheaten	1^{l}. - 0 -	11
Household	1 - 9 -	14

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 6. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Salter

Mr. Samuel Butler desires to renew his Lease of the Shop in his Occupation which he hired of the Town.

John Chappel & his Wife, Live in a House of m^{r}. Benj^{a}. Fitch's at New Boston.

Ordered that they be Warned to depart the Town or give Security as the Law directs

[**161.**] Thomas Poor with his Wife & Two Children from Newfoundland to be Warned to depart the Town or give Security as the Law directs.

Messrs. John & Richard Billings desire to Renew their Lease of the Shops on the Dock in their Occupation, which they hired of the Town.

On the 22^{d}. of December last, the Select men Sent up to the Care of the Overseers of the Poor, One Eleanor Simmons a Widow, a Prisoner from Cape Breton being very poor & Indigent to be taken Care of at the Charge of the Province.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 12th. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Salter informed the Select men that he was afraid that One John Ruleau in his Neighbourhood had the Small Pox, Whereupon the Select men desired Dr. Douglas & D^{r}. Clark to Visit the Person Sick [**162.**] Who declared it as their Opinion that the Man had the Small Pox & this was the Fifth Day, & it would be dangerous to Remove him to the Hospital Island, Upon which he was Ordered to the Hospital house at the West end of the Town which was done before One o'Clock said Day. And upon Enquiry the

Select men found the man had been aboard Capt. Snelling's Ship soon after her Arrival at Nantasket without any Leave, he has a Wife & Two Children in the same House in Gibbin's Court, who are in danger of having the same.

Ordered, That a Guard be Set to hinder any Person from going in or going out of said House.

The Select men went to the House where John Ruleau lived & found upon Enquiry that m^rs^. Avery lives in the House with Four Children & Two Lodgers below Stairs, & John Lyten a Sadler & Wife with Two Children, Ruleau's Wife & two Children who have not had the Distemper.

Dr. John Clark is desired to take Care of the Person Sick with the Small Pox, and the Negro man John Wou'dbe is Ordered to be as a Guard [**163.**] To the House to be Allowed Eight Shillings Old Tenor a Day for the same.

It is Ordered, That the Several Persons who are in the said House be immediately removed to the Hospital Island, And also Old Ruleau and that Application be made to Thomas Hubbard & John Fayer weather Esqr. for a Warrant to carry the said Persons down accordingly.

Voted, That Capt. Jon^a^. Snelling be Prosecuted for Suffering Persons to come on board his Ship while at Nantasket without Leave, & that Coster Aish Cordwainer & Elizabeth Aish the Wife of William Aish for going on board the said Ship & Benj^a^. Hallowell Junr. for leaving the Ship with out Leave.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 13. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[**164.**] Agreeable to the Order of the Select men they went with a Warrant to the House at Gibbins's Court & Sent down to the Hospital Island, John Layten Wife & Three Children, m^rs^. Ruleau & two Children and m^r^. Ruleau.

Mr. John Boylston Appeared & desired to Hire two of the Towns Shops on the Dock.

Ordered, That m^r^. Benj^a^. Fitch be Prosecuted for receiving & Entertaining John Chappel & Wife in his House.

Ordered, That Dr. John Sprague be Confined to his room & not Suffered to go abroad without Leave of the Select men, & that One or more of them visit him every Day.

On Thursday morning the Select men Sent down to the Hospital Island, m^rs^. Avery with four Children and m^r^. Jennings & his Servant.

Information is given that John Aish was in the room with John Ruleau who is now Sick with the Small Pox & there is great danger of his being infected there with, Voted That Application be made to Two Justices of the Peace for a Warrant to Search for

the said John Aish that so he may be immediately Conveyed to the Hospital Island, as also One Christ^{r}. Stillson who went to the Island.

[**165.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 20th. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

William Cox with his Wife & Family of Five Children from Lynn has been here Nine Months Appeared & was directed to give Bond to Save the Town harmless, as the Law directs.

Messrs. James Gardner & Joseph Pierpont appeared & desired to Hire the Pastures on the Neck.

Mr. Harris desires to Hire the marsh only belonging to the Town on the Neck & Offers to give Twenty Pounds p. annum Old Tenor for the same.

Samuel Coolidge from Watertown has been in this Town Some time & likely to be Chargeable.

Voted, That he be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

Ordered, That M^{r}. Thomas Beddle be Prosecuted for Entertaining Mary Nutting.

Mr. Samuel Clark to be Prosecuted for receiving One Quigley into his House.

[**166.**] M^{rs}. Pitts to be Prosecuted for receiving into her House, Nathl. March & Wife from Barnstable.

M^{r}. John Kiere to be Prosecuted for receiving into his House Hannah Walker from Roxbury.

Mr William mellows to be Prosecuted for Entertaining Dorcas Vickery from ———

M^{r}. Cornelius Sullivant to be Prosecuted for Entertaining Katharine Dunivan from Roxbury, been at his House about Three months.

Voted, That the Town Clerk put an Advertisem^{t}. in the Publick news Papers, to inform the Publick that the Select men & Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Boston, on Tuesday the 19th. instant, made a general Visitation of the Inhabitants, & upon very Strict Search & Enquiry did not find any Person Sick of the Small Pox, or that had any Symptoms of it. m^{r}. Rollo that was taken down with it last Week & then Removed, being upon his Recovery; And all the other Persons living in the same House were immediately Sent down to the Hospital house on Rainsfords Island.

And also Publish the Paragraph of the Province Law relating to any Person's being taken with the Small Pox in any Town of this Province.

[**167.**] The Select men Lent to Capt. John Kinselagh Twelve of the Town's Fire arms which he Promised to be Careful of &

return again in good Order to them on Demand, as by his Receipt therefor.

At a meeting of the Select men, Feb. 23d. 1744.

Present

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This Day the Select men received a Letter from mr. Waters at the Hospital Island wherein he says that mrs. Rillow as he imagines has the Simptoms of the Small Pox on her and should be glad of a nurse to Assist them.

It is the opinion that there is no occasion of one at present & that all the People be still continued on the Island

At a meeting of the Select men, Feb. 25. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Clarke
Capt. Steel

[**168.**] Voted, That the Sum of Four hundred thirty nine pounds seven Shillings & ten pence old tenor to mr. Jacob Sheaff for Collecting and paying the Taxes to the several Treasurers for the Year 1742.

Voted, that the Sum of Four hundred Thirty two pounds twelve Shillings & three pence old tenor be, allowed to Capt. John Goldthwait for Collecting & paying the Taxes to the several Treasurers, for the year 1742 and that Drafts be made on the Town Treasurer accordingly.

The Select men agreed to allow mr. Thomas Williston Five pounds old tenor for Winding up the Clock of the Old Brick Church the year past.

The Select men agreed to allow mr. Isaac Peirce Five pounds old tenor for Winding up the North Clock the year past.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & seven Shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on [**169.**] Household Bread Six pence p. Bushell on a Six penny White Loaf or larger, White Loaves, allowed for Charges and on White Bisket Two shillings p. Bushell for Charges which is Computed as follows vizt.

		oz -	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	5
Wheaten		2 -	12½
Household		4 -	5
Of Six penny White Loaf		15 -	
Wheaten	1l.	0 -	11
Household	1 -	9 -	14

At a meeting of the Select men, Feb. 26. 1744.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.

m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel

The Select men received a Letter from m^r^. Waters at the Hospital Island advising that m^rs^. Rillow had the Small Pox very favourably.

[170.] At a meeting of the Select men, Feb. 27th. 1744.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Voted, That the Premium of Five pounds old Tenor be allowed to m^r^. Thomas Read & Comp^a^. one of the Fire Ingines for first Working at the Fire which broke out last Thursday at Col. Pollards House.

Ordered that Katharine Howard from martha's Vineyard be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

Ordered, that Anne Galesper who came from Newfoundland in Capt. Rous be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

Ordered that Samuel Henderson with his Wife & four Children from medford be Warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

[171.] Elizabeth Qidley who came in Capt. Gebute from Ferreland last Fall & lives at Samuel Clarks near Charlestown Ferry is ordered to depart the Town.

Application being made to the Select men from the Committee of War appointed by the General Court desiring the Use of the Small Arms belonging to the Town for the intended Expedition against Cape Breton.

Voted, that the Town Clerk send the Committee the following Letter with a Copy of the Vote of the Town relating to said arms, Viz^t^.

Gentlemen

The Select men having had application made to them by you as a Committee of War, desiring the Use of the Fire arms belonging to the Town of Boston in the present intended Expedition against Cape Breton, In answer to your Request have ordered me to Write you that upon [172.] Perusing the Letter of Col. Fitch the Donar of said arms to the Town and the Vote of the Town thereon which Vote is Inclosed.

The Select men tho they would do every thing in their power to Encourage and forward said Expedition yet apprehend they cannot part with said arms without the Consent of the Town especially when many of their Poor Inhabitants in case of an attack from the Enemy cannot be any ways Supplyed than by these Arms which perhaps may be Attended with fatal Consequences to the Town, They therefore doubt not that you will excuse 'em for not Complying with your said Request

By order of the Select men
EZEK^L^. GOLDTHWAIT, Town Clerk.

At a meeting of the Select men mar. 1. 1744.

The Select men recēd a Letter from m^r^. [**173.**] Waters at the Hospital Island informing that Richard Ellis the Carpenter who was confined at the Island on account of his having the small Pox had run away last night with his Canoe, and upon enquiry the Select men found he was in Boston at the House of m^r^. Holland the Joyner this morning.

Voted that Application be made to the Governour and Council for a Special Warrant to apprehend the said Ellis, and that m^r^. Cooke be desired to Wait on them for the same.

This Day the Select men sent down to the Hospital Island the Widow Gauge for a nurse there & agreed with her for Thirty Shillings old tenor p. Week Wages.

At a meeting of the Select men, march 4th. 1744.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Thos. Hutchinson Esqr.
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel

[**174.**] The Select men sent down to the Hospital the Widow Stringer & her Son & the Widow Taylor & her Daughter from the South End, One of the Children having the Small Pox the others being in the same Room m^rs^. Taylors Daughter Sick.

At a meeting of the Select men, mar. 6. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel

M^r^. Hancock informed he had according to order Hired a House at the Westerly part of the Town for the use of the Town of m^r^. James Gordon to put such persons in as never had the Small Pox and had been amongst those Visited therewith, ordered that m^r^. Savel go to m^r^. Gordon for the Key.

Voted that the Premium of Five pounds [**175.**] Old tenor be allowed to m^r^. Henry Howell and Company for the Engine under their Care, first Working at the fire which lately Broke out at m^r^. Colsons Buildings.

At a meeting of the Select men, march 13. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel

Ordered that the Town Clerk Issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His majestys name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty pounds Estate to a Single Rate besides the Poll to Convene at Faneuil Hall on monday the Twenty fifth of march instant at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then & there.

[**176.**] (Blank.)

Voted, that the Rev^{d}. m^{r}. John Webb be desired to open the Town meeting with Prayer and that Capt. Steel be desired to Inform him thereof.

At a meeting of the Select men, march 15th. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[**177.**] Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk this Day by Virtue of a Warrant from His Excellency the Governour, Impressed the Two hundred and fifteen Small arms and Bayonetts belonging to the Town for the use of the intended Expedition against Cape Breton.

Whereupon the Select men presented a Petition to His Excellency the Governour praying the Warrant for impressing the said arms may be Recalled.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 20. 1744.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

The followiug memorial of the Select men relating to the Towns Fire arms to the Governour with His Excellencys answer thereto it is here Entred [**178.**] by order of the Select men, Viz^{t}.

To His Excellency the Governour
Humbly Represent
The Subscribers Select men of the Town of Boston

That the said Town of Boston are possessed of 215 Firearms a Present of the late Col^{o}. Thomas Fitch to the Town with this Condition that the said Arms should ever after be kept for the use of the Inhabitants, and in Case of any of them being Lost or becoming useless the number should be kept up by others of equal goodness being Supplied in their Stead. The Select men being Informed that your Excellency has granted a Warrant for the Impressing said arms they think themselves Bound in faithfulness to the Town to Represent to your Excellency that they apprehend that the Carrying said arms [**179.**] out of the Town may leave it too much Expos'd in this time of War as great Numbers of their Inhabitants are destitute of arms & unable to purchase them, and

they therefore humbly pray your Excellency that said Warrant or order for Impressing may be Recalled and that the said arms may Remain for the use of the Inhabitants according to the Intent & Design of the Donor, and your memorialist shall ever pray

SAMUEL ADAMS
JONAS CLARKE
MIDDLECOTT COOKE } Selectmen
JOHN STEEL
WILLIAM SALTER

Boston, march 15, 1744.

His majestys Service and the general Interest of the province will not permit me to Recall my Warrant, The Impressed arms being Indispensably necessary to the Service of the expedition against Cape Breton

W. SHIRLEY.

Council Chamber march 15th. 1744.
Copy examd. p. J. WILLARD Ser'cry.

[180.] Mr. montague having Sent to the Select men Sixty Pounds old tenor which they accepted in full Satisfaction for the Damages he with others in a Riotous manner and to the Towns South Grammer School house.

Voted, That mr. Hancock to whom said money was sent keep the same in his hands until further order.

At a meeting of the Select men, march 27th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
mr. Thomas Hancock
mr. middlecott Cooke
Capt. John Steel
Capt. William Salter
Capt. Henry Atkins

The Select men made application to two of his Majestys Justices of the Peace for a Warrant to Remove mr. Nathaniel Vials Child [181.] and Negro man back to the House they were lately removed to by order of the Select men and have since without their Liberty come away.

Voted, That messrs. Adams Clark Hancock Steel, Salter & Atkins be desired to go with Doctr. Clarke to the Hospital Island on Fryday next in order to Remove the Persons that are Well & bring them up to Town.

Francis Norwood with his Wife Hannah & Three Children namely Jonathan Hannah & David from Lynn he appeared & desired to be admitted Inhabitants & offered messrs. Isaac Cazneau & Timothy Green for his Bondsmen.

Mr. Savell having applied to the Justices to Sign a Warrant which was drawn up for removing mr. Vialls Child & negro Back to the House they were ordered to Returned they in General declined Signing it Demurring as to the Time [182.] they having been three Weeks at the House assigned them.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the

Rate of Fifteen Shillings old Tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread three Shillings & Six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread Six pence p. Bushell on a Six penny White Loaf Two Shillings p. Bushell for Charges — Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

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of Penny White Loaf		2 -	11½
Wheaten		3 -	2½
Household		5 -	0
Six penny White Loaf	1^{l}. -	2 -	0
Wheaten	1 -	2 -	15
Household	1 -	15 -	1

Capt. Joseph White appeared & offered for his Security as one of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1744, mess^{rs}. John Tudor & John Greenough which were accepted.

[**183.**] Eliz^{a}. Crosbey from Canso was sent to the almshouse to be maintained at the province Charge.

At a meeting of the Select men march 28th. 1745. —

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Capt. Benjamin Edwards one of the Collectors of Taxes appeared & offered for his Security mess^{rs}. Daniel Johonnot & Isaac White which were accepted.

Mr. Elias Dupe another of the Collectors of the Taxes appeared and offered for his Security mess^{rs}. John Gardner & Thomas Greenough which were Accepted.

Voted, that the Select men will not take [**184.**] Bonds from any of the Select men or Assessors as Bondsmen for the Collectors of Taxes for gathering in the Rates Committed to them.

Voted that the Taxes, for the year 1744 be Committed to the Constables to Collect with the three Collectors who have already accepted they giving Security.

March 29, 1745.

This Day m^{r}. Elias Dupe one of the Collectors of Taxes appeared and gave Bond with Suritys as on file.

Capt. White one of the Collectors of Taxes appeared & gave Bond with Suritys, approved of by the Selectmen for one of his Bondsmen declined Signing the Bond and proposed m^{r}. Newman Greenough Sail maker in the Room of said Tudor whom the Select men approved of.

[**185.**] At a meeting of the Select men, April 1st. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock

m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins

Ordered, that the Town Clerk Issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston,

In His majestys Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and Inhabitants of the said Town Qualified as the Law directs to meet at Faneuil Hall on monday the Eight Instant at four o'Clock in the afternoon then and there to Choose Three meet Persons for Collectors of Taxes in the Room of a like Number who were Chosen to that office the last Towns meeting but decline Serving and to Consider & Determine [**186.**] upon such other matters and things as at the last meeting were refer'd over to this.

At a meeting of the Select men, April 3. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Salter

Mr. Thomas Bernard informs that John Gwin from Scituate has been entertained by him at his house Eleven days & that he hath a Wife & one Child.

M^r^. Ebenezer Messinger master of the West Engine informs that mess^rs^. Belknap, Ricks, Kemball, Surcomb & Seaborn have left the Engine & desired that Edward Barrett & Ebenezer messinger jun^r^. may be admitted in the Room of two of them, who were accordingly Admitted they producing Certificates from the Captains of the [**187.**] military Company they belong to of their Consent thereto.

M^r^. John Staniford one of the Collectors of Taxes having produced Certificates from the Several Treasurers that they have received of him the several Sums ordered to be paid to them for Taxes to the year 1742 Inclusive — Ordered that the Town Clerk deliver up to the said Staniford the Securitys by him given for the same.

Voted, That in Conesequence of the Vote of the Town relating to the Lands on the neck & Bottom of the Common the same be advertised in the publick Prints which was done in the Words following vizt.

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[**188.**]

Voted, that a Committee be appointed to prosecute the proprietors of the Salt Ponds and other Lands on the neck unless they immediately Conform to their agreements respecting the same they Entered into with the Town.

Voted, that mess^rs^. Adams Hancock & Salter be the said Committee.

Voted that that part of the Pavement belonging to the Town between the [**189.**] Fortification and the End of the Town be

immediately Repaired & that Capt. Salter have the Care of the same.

At a meeting of the Select men April 5th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

The Select men went down on Board the Ship Katharine Thomas Debuke master who being Sworne Declared that he left Lisbon the fifteenth of January last and that his mate William Eagleston was taken down with the Small Pox about Ten days before he Sailed that he kept him Confined in the State Room on the Larboard side that only two hands tended on him that he has been [**190.**] Recovered and done his Duty on Deck nine Weeks before he arrived at marblehead had his Bedding, thrown Overboard and his Linnen all Washed and other Cloath well aired and that he has on Board all the men he brought out of Lisbon Except four that Run away with his Boat yesterday after he came to Sail from marble head and that his Lading is nothing but Salt.

The Select men apprehend the said Ship is clear of Infection and may be permitted to come up to Town without Danger to the Inhabitants, and on the Sixth Instant gave a Certificate thereof

April 7th.

The Select men agreed with —— Warren for a Watchman at the Hospital at the Westerly part of the Town at Twelve shillings p. Diem.

[**191.**] At a meeting of the Select men, April 10. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins

Mr. Hancock brought Twenty one hundred and fifty pounds old tenor which he received of the Committee of War for the Two hundred and fifteen fire arms Impressed by His Excellency the Governours Warrant and desires the Direction of the Select men what to do with the same he having given a Receipt there for.

Voted, that mr. Hancock keep the same till further orders from the Select men.

Mr. Alexander Parkman says that since the Great Storm which Destroyed his Wife he [**192.**] hath laid Spars and Stuff on the Sconce Ground at the South Battery & desires he may still continue to do it for which he is willing to pay a reasonable allowance there for for the use of the Town.

Voted, that the Rents of the Town Shops on the Dock the Leases whereof are expired be set at Forty Pounds old tenor p. annum a Single Shop which by the last Lease were set at Thirty pounds under the same Conditions as the last Leases and that the Several Tenants be notified thereof.

Voted, that the Committee for the Lottery be desired to agree with the Select men for the use of the office & the Hall for drawing the Lottery.

m^{r}. Charles Apthrop of Boston merch^{t}. presented a Petition setting forth that the last year he purchased the Estate of the late Col^{o}. Shrimpton for his own Dwelling house [**193.**] and several Buildings behind it & for his better Accommodation he proposes to Remove the Wooden house fronting Shrimptons Lane into the Rear part of his Land & fix it where another Building now stands which the Pet^{r}. will immediately Demolish praying he may have Liberty so to do. The Select men went upon the premisses and Viewed the same & gave Leave for the Removal thereof.

Liberty was granted to William Hall Leather dresser to open his Drain in milk street, provided he mend the pavement again & keep the same in Repair from time to time to the Satisfaction of the Select men.

At a meeting of the Select men, April 15th. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins

[**194.**] Voted that the Town Clerk prepare a Draft of a Petition to the General Court relating to the Assessors being Impowered to deliver the Tax Books for the year 1744, to the Collectors now Chosen &c^{a}. pursuant to the Town Vote the 12th. Instant

Ordered that the Collectors Chosen this Year be notified to attend on Wednesday next at three o'Clock Afternoon.

At a meeting of the Select men, April 17th 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esq.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt Atkins

Mr. Alexander Parkman desires the Partition fence (which is gone to decay) between his Land the North Battery [**195.**] may be Repaired and that the Select men would appoint a Time for the Regular Setling the same

Voted, that the Select men attend that Service on Fryday next at three o'clock afternoon.

Yesterday mess^{rs}. Cooke Steel Salter & Atkins went down to the

Hospital Island and at the desire of m^{rs}. Stringer to come up to Boston & m^{rs}. Bakers Child.

Voted, that they have Liberty to come up to Town the next time the Boat goes down they being Shifted with Fresh Cloaths.

Voted, that m^{r}. Thomas Oxnard have Liberty to sett up Post at a suitable Distance from his fence in the Common under the Regulation of mess^{rs}. Hancock & Salter.

This Day a memorial was drawn up to General Court & Signed by the Select men relating to the Assessors delivering the [**196.**] Tax Books for the year 1744 pursuant to the Vote of the Town which is in the Words following vizt

To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Captain General & Governour in Chief in and over his majestys province of the massachusetts Bay in New England, The Honble. his majesties Council and House of Representatives in General Court Assembled april 17th 1745.

The memorial of the Select men of the Town of Boston, by order of the said Town,

Humbly Represents

That the Assessors of the said Town for the year 1744 ; meeting with much Difficulty did not Commit the Assessment to the Collectors of Taxes then chosen by reason whereof very large Sums are to be Collected this year and for that Service the Town have Chosen a great [**197.**] Number of Collectors.

That it is Apprehended the Assessors afores^{d} can't now (their year being Expired) Commit the said assessment for 1744, to the Collectors without Special authority from this Honourable Court.

Your memoralist therefore humbly pray your Excellency & Honours to Impower said Assessors to Commit said assessment for 1744 to the Collectors chosen this present year the time being Elapsed notwithstanding and that the said Collectors may be fully impowered to Collect the same that so no dispute on this account may arise to the prejudice of the Town in Collecting said Taxes, and your memoralist as in Duty Bound shall ever pray &c.

SAMUEL ADAMS
JONAS CLARKE
THO^{S}. HANCOCK
MIDDLECOTT COOKE } Select men
JOHN STEEL
WILL^{M}. SALTER
HENRY ATKINS

[**198.**] At a Meeting of the Select men april 20, 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

M^{r}. William Larrabee one of the Collectors of Taxes appeared

& offered for his Security mess^{rs}. John Ruddock & Deacon Edward Proctor which were Accepted by the Select men.

At a meeting of the Select men, april —— 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

[**199.**] Capt. Andrew Cunningham one of the Collectors of Taxes appeared & offered for his Security Jacob Wendell & John Hunt Esq^{rs}. who were accepted.

Voted, that the Select men on Fryday the 26th. Instant take a view of the Lands (to be Leased) on the neck the Fortification Paving &c. at three o'Clock in the Afternoon.

M^{r}. John Staniford one of the Collectors of Taxes appeared & offered for his Security mess^{rs}. Joseph Scott Brazier & Cord Cordis who were Accepted.

At a meeting of the Select men April 29. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

[**200.**] Voted that Deacon Parker be allowed forty Shillings old tenor for his Negro's Service in making Fires &c. for the Assessors.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk Post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixteen Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & Seven Shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three Shillings & six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread Six pence p. Bushell on a Six penny White Loaf or larger White Loaves allowed for Charges on on (*sic*) White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges which is Computed as follows vizt.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	9
Wheaten		3 -	0½
Household		4 -	12
Six penny White Loaf	1^{l} -	0 -	14
Wheaten	1 -	2 -	2
Household	1 -	12 -	8

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue [**201.**] forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forth with to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston within their Precincts that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. annum of Freehold in Land within this province or Territory at the least or other Estate to the Value of Forty pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Fryday the third day of may next at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Elect & Depute one or more persons (being Freeholders and resident in the Town) according to the Number Set & Limited by an act of the General Assembly to serve for & Represent them in the Great & General Court or assembly appointed to be Convened held & kept for his Majestys Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the Twenty ninth day of may next ensuing and so [**202.**] De Die in Diem during their Session & Sessions according to the Precept under the hand & Seal of Benj^a^. Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the Twenty ninth day of April in the Eighteenth year of His Majestys Reign annoque Domini 1745.

In like manner requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town Qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time & place to Grant such Sums of money as may be thought needfull for the Relief of the Poor & defraying other necessary Charges to Receive the Reports of Several Committees to Choose one Constable & one Clerk of the Market to Act upon such other matters & things as were Referred over to this meeting, &c.

Voted, that the Rev^d^. m^r^. Foxcroft be desired to open the Town meeting with Prayer.

[**203.**] The Select men received the following agreement and desire of the Several Collectors of Taxes for the year 1744 which is ordered here to be Recorded vizt.

To the Gentlemen the Select men of the Town of Boston,

Gentlemen,

Whereas we the Subscribers Collectors of Taxes within the Town of Boston for the year 1744 have agreed that the whole Profits or Premium allowed by the Town for Collecting said Taxes shall be equally Divided between us notwithstanding one Collector may gather in more Taxes than another.

We there fore desire of you Gentlemen that when ever a Draft is made by you or the Select men for the time being on the Town Treasurer for the payment of said Premium it may be done in such a manner as that each one of us may Receive equally alike of the [**204.**] Premium that shall be allowed on the whole Sum Collected by us all as shall be given in by the Assessors, That is to Say each one a Sixth part, and this We Severally Promise to abide by Witness our hands April 29th. 1745.

JOHN STANIFORD
JOSEPH WHITE
BENJ^A^. EDWARDS
WILLIAM LARRABEE
ANDREW CUNNINGHAM
ELIAS DUPEE

At a meeting of the Select men, May 1st. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

[205.] Mary Clark a Prisoner of War from Cape Breton taken at Canso was sent to the Alms house yesterday to be taken Care of at Charg of the province.

Mr. John Clough is admitted into the Engine whereof John Brown is master in the Room of William Marshall who is very Sickley.

Voted, that the Bell ringers within the Town be paid for the same as formerly.

Voted, that the Bell at mr. Welsteeds meeting house be Rung every Week Day at Eleven o'clock in the forenoon and that the allowance for the same be in proportion to the other Sextons for Ringing.

At a meeting of the Select men, May 8th. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke
mr. Hancock
Capt. Salter

[206.] Nicholas Tesson with his Wife from Sirranam having brought Considerable Effects desired Liberty to open his Shop in this Town and be admitted an Inhabitant and if Security be Required of him proposed mr. Andrew Sigourney and Phillip Reviere for his Bonds men.

Voted that the said Tesson & Wife first apply to the Governour & Council for Leave here to Reside as the Law directs.

Mr. John Fenno being Chosen master of the Granary offered messrs. Jeremiah Belknap William Ireland & Samuel Hill for Suretys for the faithfull Discharge of that office who were accepted by the Select men & a Bond was Executed accordingly.

Voted, that mr. Nathaniel Brown Glazier, be directed to Clean & mend the Windows at the Town house.

[207.] Voted that messrs. Clark and Salter be a Committee to settle the accots. of the Granary with mr. Willoughby and receive what is in his hands belonging to the Town and give him a full Discharge.

Liberty is granted by the Select men that mrs. Scrivner Nurse at the Towns Hospital and also mr. Adams's Son who has had the Small pox there to go to their Several Homes they being well Clensed, Fresht Cloathed and been at a Separate house Thirty six hourers the Select men Apprehend no Danger by their being Released.

At a meeting of the Select men, May 15 — 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Atkins

[**208.**] The Committee appointed the 8th. Instant to Settle the Acco^{ts}. of the Granary with m^{r}. Willoughby Reported that they had done the same and thereupon found the Ballance due to the Town To be five hundred and Twenty four pounds nineteen Shillings & three pence in Bills of the old tenor and that there Remain'd in the Granary Two hundred and Twenty four Bushells of Indian Corn & Eighteen Bushells of Rye Valued at one hundred and nine pounds Sixteen shillings old tenor all which was delivered to m^{r}. John Fenno (who has now the Care of said Granary) on the Towns acco^{t}. as p. his Receipt on file appears.

Voted, that the People belonging to the Countrey Towns who Constantly bring provisions to Faneuil Hall Market pay a Rent of Twenty shillings old tenor a month for each Stall so long as they Improve the same

[**209.**] Voted, that unless the proprietors of the Land near the Fortification on the Neck agree by Wednesday next to Repair their Lands the Select men will then proceed to Commence a Law Suit against them.

Complaint being made to the Select men that John Salmon had put a post &c. to hang a pair of Scales to Weigh Goods in the King Street & that the same is a publick Nusance.

Voted, that the said Salmon be ordered forthwith to take the same down.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 12th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Nicholas Fesson is hereby Admitted an Inhabitant of this Town and has Liberty to Open a [**210.**] Shop, he giving Security for himself & wife as the Law directs.

Voted, that Capt. Steel & Capt. Atkins be a committee to Settle the Line between Alex^{r}. Parkman and the Towns Land at the North Battery.

At a Meeting of the Select men June 14th. 1745.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke

Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 19th. 1745.

Present
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools pursuant to the Vote of the Town in March last be attended on Tuesday next being the 25th. of June Current. And that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany the Select men [211.] In the said Visitation — Vizt.

The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon. John Osborne Esqr.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
The Hon. Thomas Berry Esqr.
The Hon. John Read Esqr.
The Hon. Eliakim Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Thomas Cushing Esqr.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Thomes Hubbard Esqr.
William Bollan Esqr.
William Shirley Esqr.
The Revd. Joseph Sewall D. D.
The Revd. Charles Chauncey D. D.
The Revd. mr. William Welsteed
The Revd. mr. William Hooper
The Revd. mr. Samuel Mather

Mr. Jonathan Armitage Fifield is admitted one of the Company of the West Engine under the Care of mr. Ebenezer Messinger in the room of one of the Company who is gone to Sea.

[212.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 24th. 1745 ——

Present
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of sixteen Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings & six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread & one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges, saving only on White Bisket, two shillings pr. Bushell for Charges

which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	9
Wheaten		3 -	
Household		4 -	11
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	1l	2 -	2 -

Voted, that mr. Cooke be Moderator for the month ensuing.

At a Meeting of the Select men June 26th. 1745.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
mr. Salter
Capt. Atkins

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 10th. 1745. [213.]

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread, & one shilling pr. Bushell on White Bread, allowed for Charges saving only on White Bisket two shillings pr. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	5
Wheaten		2 -	12½
Household		4 -	5
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	1l -	0 -	11 -

Memo. That on June 23d. 1745, The Select men Quitted mr. Gordons house which they hired for a Well house for Persons suspected to be in danger of Infection & delivered Dr. Silvester Gardiner the Key the same Day he to be [214.] Accountable to said Gordon from that time.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 24th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Daniel Bragdon of York brought into this Town Sarah Battin a Person of no Substance,

Ordered, That she be warned to depart the Town as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Select men July 29th. 1745
Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. John Brown Master of one of the North Engines appeared and informed that the Engine under his Care was first brought to Work at the Fire at mr. Rawlings's house about [**215.**] Two months ago, and desired the Premium allowed by the Town therefore

Ordered, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the same

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Eighteen shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, & one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	5
Wheaten		2 -	12½
Household		4 -	5
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	1l -	0 -	11

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 31, 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

William Cromby a Sadler from England in the Eltham Man of War, desires to be admitted an Inhabitant [**216.**] and have Liberty to Open a Shop in a House belonging to the Honble. Samuel Waldo Esqr. in Cornhill where mr. Atkinson a Watchmaker liv'd in last, and he having brought with him near Two hundred Pounds Sterling.

Voted, That he be Admitted an Inhabitant, and Liberty is granted him to Open a Shop accordingly.

Voted, That mr. Larrabee prosecute the Owner of the House wherein mr. John Rachel dwells, for taking him in for a Tenant without giving Information thereof to the Select men as the Law directs.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 14th. 1745 ——
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

M^r^. William Waters the keeper of the Hospital on Rainsfords Island, appearing & declining to keep the same any longer.

Voted, That Advertisements be put in the Publick Prints for some suitable Person to keep the same.

[217.] M^r^. After Stoddard who is Landlord to m^r^. John Rachel & who was Ordered to be prosecuted the 31st. of July last, Appeared & paid a Fine of Forty shillings to Jonas Clarke Esqr. for his breach of Law in taking the said Rachel in as a Tenant without informing thereof.

Whereas there are many Inconveniences arises in the Town Market by Persons bringing in their Creatures with their Feet on & making a Nusance.

Voted, That the Clerk of the market give Orders that all small Meat before it be brought into the market, have the feet Cut off & Quartered, & Cleared from Blood, & Brains, so that the Market may not be Discommoded.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug 21st. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

M^r^. John Rachel from Rumney Marsh, desires to be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town, and offered for his Bondsmen as the Law directs, Messrs. [218.] John Staniford & Alexander Trotter, Who were Accepted.

M^r^. Edward Gray & m^r^. Benjamin Landon brought a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the Town, desiring the Town might be Convened as soon as may be, to be heard on the affair of Dr. Silvester Gardiners making a Hospital at the Southend of the Town.

Whereas Complaint has been made by several Inhabitants that a small Schooner has been in the Bay for several Days past and Stopt and Molested the Coasters Fishermen and others that are bringing in Provisions & other necessarys for the Town, and Insulted and Terrified the Persons on board such Vessells.

Voted, That a Memorial concerning the same be presented to his Honour Spencer Phips Esqr. Lieutenant Governour and Commander in Chief and to the Honble. the Council, and the following Memorial was accordingly presented, Viz^t^.

To the Honble. Spencer Phips Esqr. Lieu^t^. Governour & commander in Chief for the time being over the Province aforesaid, and to the Honble. his Majestys Council of said Province.

[219.] The Memorial of the Subscribers, Select men of the Town of Boston,

Sheweth

That for these three or four Days past there has been and now

is a small Schooner Cruizing in our Bay that Stops the Coasters Fishing Vessells and others coming with Provisions Wood and Necessarys for the Town (who she is your Mem°. know not) and takes out the men on board such Vessells in what Numbers they please, which extraordinary proceeding has so terrified the Inhabitants of this Town that they dare not Sail out of the Harbour least they should be carried away by this Vessell whereby the Town are already greatly distressed and like to be more so in the want of Fuel, Provisions and other necessarys of Life, if a Stop is not put to this Horrid Abuse, the Inhabitants of Boston, being hereby oppressed to such a Degree that unless they are relieved by your Honours your Mem°. know not what Consequences may Ensue.

And as this matter nearest effects the Libertys of the People, and is (as your Mem°. apprehend) [**220.**] a great Insult upon this Government they think it their Duty to lay it before your Honours praying you will be pleased to take the same into your Consideration and grant such immediate relief in the Premises as the Circumstances thereof require.

And your Mem°. as in Duty bound shall ever pray &c.

Samuel Adams
Jonas Clarke
Thomas Hancock
Middlecott Cooke } Select men
John Steel
William Salter
Henry Atkins

Boston Aug. 21st. 1745.

At a Meeting of the Honourable his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and the Select men of Boston August — 1745

A Ward upon Boston Neck on the Lords Days was then ordered and appointed from and after the date hereof until the —— day of October next ensuing inclusive, as has been Customary heretofore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, and is in the words following, Vizt.

Boston ss.

[**221.**] To each and Every of the Constables of the Town of Greeting

Whereas by an Act of the Great and General Court pass'd in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William III, Intitled an act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted "That from time to time when and so often as a military Watch shall not be Ordered and appointed to be kept, the Justices of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered & Authorized to Direct and Order a Suitable Watch or Watches to be set and kept &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lords Days & other Days as they shall think needful and to appoint the Number whereof such Watch and Ward shall Consist, and the time for the beginning and Continuance of the same, & the Constable or Constables of the Town having orders accordingly given him or them in writing by the Justices and Select men are thereby impowered and required from time to time to

Warn such Watch & Ward respectively and to see that all Persons so warned by them do attend and observe their Duty in that regard. And Whereas the said Justices & [**222.**] Select men are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lords Day (especially at this season of the year) by loose vain persons Servants, Negroes &c. Unnecessarily Travelling or Walking to and from Boston and Roxbury with neglect of attending on the Public Worship of God in either place & bringing from the neighbouring Towns Corn, Apples, and other Fruits of the Earth to the great Disturbance of the Publick Peace and Scandal of our Christian Profession.

It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices and Select men, that from and after the date hereof and until the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive, the Constables of & within the Town of Boston and every of them by turns do Warn & Appoint eight meet and sober Persons Inhabitants of the said Town, on the Lords Days to Ward on the Neck or highway between Boston & Roxbury at some convenient place near the Line of Defence, Four of the said Persons are to give their attendance there from seven o'Clock in the morning until half an hour after Twelve at Noon and there to be relieved by the other four who are there to continue upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening.

[**223.**] And the Constable or Constables are to take care in warning thereof such Ward do not consist of all or the greatest part Youths, but that some able Householders or other sufficient Persons be joined with them, and the said Constables are hereby enjoyned to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent and Suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers and restrain them from Disporting Idle walking or Unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day. And if any person or persons be Rude Refractory or shall refuse to give a Satisfactory account of the Occasion of their Travelling, or otherwise misbehave themselves to take them up and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace or return their names to such Justice in order to their being Examined and proceeded against according to the nature of their Offence as Prophaners of the Lords Day. Given under our hands and seals at Boston the —— Day of August, in the Nineteenth Year of His Majesty's Reign, Annoq. Domini 1745

Boston Aug. 21st. 1745.

Whereas the Petitions of sundry Persons for License to sell strong drink both as Innholders and Retailers have been presented to the Select men [**224.**] and at several Meetings by them Considered, a List of their Names and the street where each Person dwells with the Actings of the Select men on said Petitions is here Recorded as follows, Vizt.

Innholders Approved and Recommended, Vizt.

William Clear	Cornhill
Robert Renken	Summer Street

Retailers, Approved & Recommended Vizt.

Jane Ivers	Back Street
Sendell Wheeler	Middle Street
Elizabeth Wheeler	Marlborough Street

	Agnes Addison	Hanover Street
	Sarah Parker	Ship Street
	Thomas Inches	Cornhill
	Margaret Hog	Cambridge Street
	Thomas Gyles	Essex Street
	James Devereux	Prince Street
	Susanna Hoskins	Hanover Street
	Andrew Knox	Clarks square
	Anna Morse	Summer Street
	Eliz^{a}. Cunningham	Newbury Street
	Nathaniel Wardell	Marlborough Street
	Hannah Barnard	Hull Street
	Lydia Parker	Battery Alley
[225.]	William Dinsdale	Milk street
	Mary Tabb	Ann Street
	Peace Cazneau	Dock Square

Retailers, Disallowed, Viz^{t}.

	Jacob Bartlet	Ann Street
	Elizabeth Pitson	King Street
	Hez^{l}. Blanchard	Cambridge Street
	Hannah Newman	Middle Street
	Eleazer Flagg	Corn Court
	John Nowell	Battery March
	Mary m^{c}. Herd	Bartons Point
	Mary Sweetser	King Street
	John Rachel	Ship Street
	mary Jarvis	Ship Street
	Jon^{a}. Neal	Middle Street
	Benj^{a}. Seward	Ship Street

[226.] At a meeting of the Select men Aug. 26th. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Eleanor Ingersoll wife of William Ingersoll in the Service of the Province and three Children were sent to the Alms house the 20th. Instant, at the Charge of the Province.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread, at the Rate of Eighteen Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges, saving only on White Bisket, two shillings p. Bushell for Charges which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	5
Wheaten		2 -	12½
House hold		4 -	
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	1^{l} 5.	-0 -	11

[227.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 28th. 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Voted, that no Person be allowed to make use of any Stall in Faneuil Hall Market, for Selling Beef till further orders of the Select men, & that the Clerk of the Market be directed to observe the same.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 4th. 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Atkins

The Select men taking into Consideration the Petition of mr. Edward Gray & Sundry other Inhabitants of the Town desiring the Town might be Conven'd, to be heard on the affair of Dr. Silvester Gardiner's making a Hospital [228.] at the Southend of the Town as Enter'd the 21st. of August last.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In his Majestys Name requiring them forth with to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town legally qualified to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the tenth day of September instant, at three o'Clock in the afternoon, then and there, to consider of a Petition of a great number of the Inhabitants of said Town, praying that some method may be taken to prevent Dr. Silvester Gardiner's having a Hospital House in said Town (as he purposes) for the Reception of Persons sick of Epidemical and Infectious Diseases, and to Consider and Determine upon such other Matters & things as at the last meeting were referr'd over to this, also to Choose Jury men for October Court.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 11th. 1745.
Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

[229.] Voted, that the Several Sextons in the Town attend next Friday at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 13th. 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Upon hearing the Sextons & Grave Diggers on account of the prices of Burying the Dead.

Voted, That the respective Sums following be allowed them for the Services hereafter mentioned, in Old Tenor Bills, Viz^t.

For Digging a Grave for a White Man or Woman at the South Burying Places - -	Nine shillings
For Ditto at the North - - - - - - - -	Eleven Shillings
For Children by hand - - - - - - - -	Four Shillings
For a Negro Man or Woman, at y^e. South -	Seven shillings
For Ditto at the North - - - - - - - -	Eight shillings
For Ditto, to twelve years of age at both places - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	five shillings
For opening a Wall Tomb - - - - - - -	Twelve shillings
For opening an old Tomb - - - - - - -	Fourteen Shillings
For Carrying the Corps of grown Persons and all [**230.**] They do from Eleven o'Clock till the Return from the Grave -	Seven Shillings (each man.

Ordered, That one shilling for each Bell toll'd for a Funeral be allowed the several Sextons.

M^r. Hancock who had the Care of the Towns Tickets in the Province Lottery returned nine of them Blank and received thirty six pounds old tenor of the Committee for the other three, & paid the same into the Town Treasury.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 18th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Salter

Voted, That the Papers respecting the Town and Col^o. Wendell at the South Battery be prepared, and that he be Notified that the Select men will meet him at the Battery on Thursday the 26th. Instant, at ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 25th. 1751 (*sic.*)

Present
Saml. Adams Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[**231.**] M^r. Harrod and others Bakers appeared, and desired the Assize of Bread might be altered, they being obliged to give nineteen shillings & six pence old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & Three pounds ten shillings p^r. Hundred for Flour.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the

Rate of Twenty shillings did Tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p^r^. Bushell on Household Bread, and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges, saving only a white Bisket two shilings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^t^.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		2 -	1½ -
Wheaten		2 -	9 -
Household		4 -	0 -
Six Penny White Loaf		13 -	9 -
Wheaten		15 -	7
Household	1^l^. -	8 -	3

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 30th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt Salter

[232.] Mem^o^. Capt. Steel sold the North Market for Forty Pounds old tenor to Major Jenners of Charlestown and paid the money to m^r^. Treasurer Wadsworth as by Receipt produced dated the 27th. August 1745.

October 1st 1745.

M^r^. John Hooker hath agreed to attend all Funerals at the South part of the Town according to the allowances made by the Select men the 13th. of September instant.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 16th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Agreed with m^r^. William Waters still to keep the Hospital on Rainsfords Island, with the addition of Twenty five Pounds old tenor p^r^. annum to his Salary. the Select men reserving to themselves the Power of Improving him as a Watchman in case of Sickness there, or not

Nathaniel Band (being recovered from his Illness) [233.] Appeared and declared his Willingness to undertake the Digging of Graves &c. according to the Allowances made by the Select men the 13th. of September last.

Voted, That Application be made to his Honour the Lieutenant Governour & Council to Stop Vessels coming from Cape Breton with sick Persons on board at his Majesty's Castle William until Examined &c.

Accordingly the following Memorial was agreed to be presented Viz^{t}.

Province of the Massachusetts Bay

To the Honble. Spencer Phips Esqr. Lieu^{t}. Governour and Commander in chief for the time being of the Province aforesaid, and to the Honble. his Majestys Council of said Province.

The Memorial of the Subscribers, Select men of the Town of Boston.

Sheweth,

That great Numbers of Soldiers Employ'd in the late Expedition against Cape Breton have been sent up from thence Sick of Fevers and other Distempers and many have died, that Sundry persons that have nursed & tended these Soldiers have also been taken ill of the same Fevers and died, from which your mem^{o}. [**234.**] were apprehensive that said Fevers were Infectious and Consulted several of the ablest Physicians in Town thereupon, who have declared that they Judge the said Fever to be very Infectious, and as many of the Soldiers now in this and other Towns are sick of this Fever, and more such its probable will be soon sent up from Cape Breton, your Mem^{s} therefore think themselves obliged for the safety and Preservation of the Inhabitants of the Province to lay this matter before your Honours, praying that you will please to give orders that all Vessells that shall hereafter come from Cape Breton may not pass the Castle until they be Examined as to the Health and Circumstances they are in by some person your Honours shall Appoint for that purpose, and that suitable places and persons with all things necessary may be provided for such sick as shall come in said Vessells, or that your Honours will be pleased to take such other methods for the Safety and Preservation of the Inhabitants of this Province as you shall judge best.

And your Memorialists shall ever pray &c.

Boston, Octr. 16th. 1745 Select men.

[**235.**] At a Meeting of the Select men. Octob^{r}. 18th. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

In Answer to the Memorial presented by the Select men to his Honour the Lieu^{t}. Governour & Council respecting Soldiers coming from Cape Breton sick with Fevers &c. as Enter'd the 16th. instant the following Order pass'd in Council Viz^{t}.

At a Council held at the Council Chamber in Boston upon Friday the 18th. of October, 1745.

On the Memorial of the Select men, of the Town of Boston.

In answer to this Memorial, Voted that the memorialists be desired forthwith to provide a Suitable House or Houses in some remote part of the Town of Boston for the reception of such Sick Persons as shall come in hither from Louisbourg and appoint some proper persons to Visit all Vessells coming in from thence, and upon the Memorialists being informed of any sick persons on

board that they give Orders for their removal to such House as shall be provided for them as aforesaid, and all necessary care [236.] Be there taken of them in Order to their Recovery; and that His Honour the Lieutenant Governour be desired to give Orders to the Commanding officer at Castle William to Examine every Vessell coming up from Louisbourg, whether they have any Sick on board or not, and in Case they have, that he put an officer on Board to prevent any Sick persons going or being carried on Shoar any otherwise than according to the Order of the memorialists, and that the said officer take care that such Vessel does come to Anchor in the Channel and not come up to the Wharfe till the memorialists give Liberty.

Copy, Examined, p. J. WILLARD, Secry.

Upon which his Honour the Lieutenant Governour wrote the following Letter to the Commanding Officer at Castle William, Vizt.

Sir,

You are hereby required to take Effectual Care that every Vessel coming from Cape Breton be Examined touching their Health before they pass the Castle, and if they dont give a plain & direct answer that they have no sick Persons aboard, that then you send an officer up to Boston with them, who must see that the Vessel come to Anchor in the Channel and not [237.] Come up to the Wharffe till they have leave from the Select men of the Town of Boston, and that no sick person be allowed to go ashoar but according to the Order of the said Selectmen.

Octr. 18th. 1745 S. PHIPS

To the Commanding officer at Castle William

At a Meeting of the Select men Octr. 23d. 1745.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
mr. Cooke
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Ezekiel Goldthwait received of the Province Treasurer Five Hundred Pounds old tenor for the support of the sick from Cape Breton, which Sum he delivered to the Select men.

Voted that the same be Deposited in the hands of mr. Middlecott Cooke for the use aforesaid.

At a Meeting of the Select men October 28th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

[238.] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Twenty Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven Shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread and one

shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is computed as follows, vizt.

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of Penny White Loaf		2 -	1½
Wheaten		2 -	9
Household		4 -	
Six Penny White Loaf		13 -	9
Wheaten		15 -	7
Household	1^{l}.	8 -	3

At a Meeting of the Select men, Octob^{r}. 30th. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Voted, That the Sextons of the several Meeting houses be directed to Ring their Bells upon the arrival of His Excellency Governour Shirley from Cape-Breton.

[**239.**] At a Meeting of the Select men Novr. 14th. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Steel

The Select men this day Agreed with m^{r}. Hugh Orr of Bridgwater for One Hundred good Fire arms with Bayonets fitted to each of them for the use of the Town to be delivered at Boston free of charge sometime in the month of June next, at Eight pounds fifteen shillings old tenor a peice, and took the following agreement in writing under his hand, Viz^{t}.

Boston, November 14th. 1745.

This Day I the Subscriber have and hereby do agree with Samuel Adams, Jonas Clarke, Thomas Hancock, Middlecott Cooke, John Steel, William Salter and Henry Atkins all of Boston Gent^{n}. and Select men of said Town to make for them One hundred Small Arms or Musquets with all thereto belonging and also a Bayonet to each Gun in good and workmanlike manner, they paying me Eight Pounds fifteen shillings old tenor Bills for each Gun. And I promise to make them accordingly and deliver them [**240.**] At Boston on or before the last day of June next, the Barrels of all which Guns shall be Three feet Eight inches in length, and be proved to the Satisfaction of said Select men, said Guns to be delivered them in Boston free of any Charge. Witness my hand.

Hugh Orr

Witness Ezek^{l}. Goldthwait

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 22^{d}. 1745.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter

It being Apprehended by the Select men that the Town will be in great want of Fire wood the ensuing Winter by means of such great numbers of the Coasters that usually Imported it from the Eastern parts of the Province being taken up by the Government for the late Expedition against Cape-Breton, and as many of 'em are daily expected from Cape-Breton and may yet be Employed for fetching of Wood. Therefore Voted, That a Memorial be presented to his Honour the [**241.**] Lieu^{t}. Governour & Council praying their assistance herein — And the following memorial was accordingly presented Viz^{t}.

Province of the Mass^{a}. Bay.

To His Honour Spencer Phips Esqr. Lieu^{t}. Governour of the Province aforesaid, and to the Hon$^{b.le}$. His Majesty's Council of said Province.

The Memorial of the Subscribers, Select men of the Town of Boston, Sheweth,

That a great Number of the Coasters and other Vessels that were almost wholly Employed in fetching Fire wood from the Eastward & other parts for this Town were early in the Spring taken up by the Government for their Service in the late Expedition against Cape-Breton, and others of 'em that were not taken up continued fetching of Wood, until many of their Sailors were in a most arbitrary and illegal manner taken out of their Vessels when coming in and forceably carried aboard his Majestys Ships of War that lay below the Castle and there detained & carried away, whereby others were so terrified that at length those whose constant Business it was to Import Wood for the use of the Town wholly refused going at all, by which means there [**242.**] Has been much less quantitys of Wood brought in here than is usual by this time of the year, so that its probable the Inhabitants of this Town especially the poorer sort will be in great distress the ensuing Winter for want of Fire Wood, if their necessitys be not some ways supplyed, and as your Mem^{o}. took upon themselves in some sort Guardians of the Town the Poor especially, they think it their Duty at all times to Endeavour a relief of their wants, and as they apprehend that in the present Case this can't be Effected without your Honours Assistance your Mem^{o}. would just mention to your Honours that they are informed several of the aforesaid Vessels that are in the Service of the Government are daily Expected here from Louisbourg in order to be Discharged, They would therefore desire of your Honours that before you, Discharge said Vessels you'l be pleased to order em to the Eastern parts, there to take in a freight of Wood, which will take but a short time as there is great Quantitys of Wood ready to be put on board if Vessels could be procur'd to transport it, and no hardship on

the Coasters as they will be [**243.**] Well paid for what they bring, And as your Mem^{s}. apprehend this is the only method can be taken to prevent the great Difficultys and Distress the Town of Boston will be in soon for want of Fuel they hope your Honours will Concurr with it, but if your Honours could in your known Goodness and Compassion suggest any other method for our Relief in this matter it would greatly oblige the Town of Boston, in whose behalf your memorialists are your Honours most obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

SELECT MEN

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 25th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty Shillings old tenor p^{r}. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings [**244.**] p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence p^{r}. Bushell on Household Bread, and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread, allowed for Charges, saving only on White Bisket, two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	1½
Wheaten		2 -	9
Household		4 -	
Six penny White Loaf		13 -	9
Wheaten		15 -	7
Household	1^{l} -	8 -	3

At a Meeting of the Select men, December 4th. 1745 ——

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

Voted, That application be made to his Honour the Lieu^{t}. Governour & Commander in chief for the time being to cause all Vessels coming from New York to be Stopt at his Majestys Castle William, the Select men having Information by mess^{rs}. Wallis and Vinall that the small pox is very rife there.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decem^{r}. 30th. 1745 ——

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

[**245.**] M^{r}. Thomas Hancock informs that he has rec'ed of the Province Treasurer the sum of Six hundred and sixty six

pounds thirteen shillings and four pence in Bills of Credit of the last Emission, granted by the General Court to buy Stores for the north Battery.

Voted, That m^r^. Hancock be desired to keep the same in his Care until the further orders of the Selectmen.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan'ry 16, 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr
Capt. Salter
Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins

This Day the Select men Notified mess^rs^ Edmund and Josiah Quincy and m^r^. Harrison Gray now the present Occupiers or Tenants of Two of the Towns Warehouses on the Dock that they Pay Sixty six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence old tenor p. annum each or Quit them after one Quarter of a year from this Day.

The other Tenants in the Towns Shops on the Dock are to Pay Forty Pounds old tenor p. Annum for each Shop.

[**246.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^ry^ 27th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges, saving only on White Bread two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^t^.

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Wheaten	2 -	9			
Household	4 -				
Six Penny White Loaf	13 -	9			
Wheaten			15 -	7	
House hold		1^l^ -	8 -	3	

His Excellency Colonel Shirley desires the Liberty of Faneuil Hall to put in the Cloaths belonging to the Soldiers &c. of his Regiment at, [**247.**] Louisbourg, that he'l do no Damage to said Hall, but deliver up the same when desired.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^ry^, 10th. 1745.

Present
m^r^. Hancock
m^r^. Cooke
Capt. Salter

M^{r}. Hancock received Two Hundred Pounds old tenor from the Province Treasurer, and paid the same to m^{r}. Cooke, by order of the Select men, for the use of the sick Soldiers &c. returning from Cape-Breton, said Cooke to be accountable.

At a Meeting of the Honourable, His Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Select men and Overseers of the Poor, within the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall, on Wednesday the 12th. day of February 1745.

Present
The Hon^{o}. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Justices of the Peace
Saml. Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Thos. Hancock
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. William Salter
Capt. Henry Atkins
Select men
[248.] Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Overseer of the Poor

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Tuesday the twenty fifth day of February current, at nine o'clock in the morning, if the Weather be fair, if not then on Friday following the twenty eighth instant. And it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock in the Evening of the said Day of Visitation, to Report the state of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
Capt. Alexander Forsyth
m^{r}. Ebenezer Storer
Capt. Henry Atkins
m^{r}. Richard Buckley
m^{r}. Simeon Skilling, Constable

Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esqr.
[249.] George Rogers Esqr.
Capt. Nathaniel Barber
Capt. William Larrabee
m^{r}. Elias Thomas, Constable

Ward, Number Three
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
Joseph White Esqr.
m^{r}. Isaac Walker
Capt. John Goldthwait
m^{r}. Isaiah Barrett, Constable

Ward, Number Four
William Tyler Esqr.
Jacob Royal Esqr.
Capt. John Steel
m^{r}. Daniel Pecker
m^{r}. Jacob Emmons, Constable

Ward, Number Five
The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
William Stoddard Esqr.
m^{r}. Thomas Hancock
m^{r}. John Staniford
m^{r}. William Story, Constable

Ward, Number Six
Oxenbridge Thacher Esqr.
John Erving Esqr.
[250.] m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
m^{r}. Elias Dupee
m^{r}. William Vintenon Constable

Ward, Number Seven
Hugh Hall Esqr.
Nathl. Balston Esqr.
Deacon John Phillips
m^{r}. Jacob Parker
m^{r}. John Helyer, Overseer of the Work house

Ward, Number Eighth
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Col^{o}. William Downe
Capt. Andrew Cunnigham
m^{r}. Moses Deshon, Constable

Ward, Number Nine
Edward Winslow Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Cornelius Waldo Esqr.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
m^{r}. William Fairfield
m^{r}. Simon Eliot, Constable

[251.] Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Francis Borland Esqr.
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
m^{r} Nathaniel Gardner
m^{r}. William Bowen, Constable

Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.

Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Capt. William Salter
m^{r}. Peter Roberts, Constable

Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Col^{o}. John Hill
m^{r}. Joseph Fitch
m^{r}. Nathan Simpson, Constable

The Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above orders or Sortment accordingly.

[**252.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 19th. 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

M^{r}. Hancock informs that he received of the Province Treasurer the sum of Four hundred Seventy one Pounds ten shillings and four pence old tenor for Discharge of the Province acco^{t}. in the Alms house, respecting Boarding the French Prisoners, and paid that Sum to the Town Treasurer, for which he produced his Receipt.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 20th, 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
(Blank)

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Aaron Boardman, Tin plate-worker and Henry Price Taylor, be accepted as further Security for m^{r}. John Stanifords [**253.**] Collecting the Tax for the Year 1745, and that Certificates be given to the assessors that sufficient security is given for, and that the Books may be delivered to the several Collectors for the present Year.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 24, 1745.
Present
Samuel Adams Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & six pence p. Bushell

on Household Bread and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread, allowed for Charges, Saving only on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

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Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - -		2	- 1½
Wheaten - - - - - - -		2	- 9
House hold - - - - - - -		4	
Six penny White Loaf - - - -		13	- 9
Wheaten - - - - -		15	- 7
Household - - - - -	1^{l}. -	8	-.3

[**254.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 26th. 1745.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

The several Collectors having signed an Agreement dated, Feb. 25. 1745. that they will Divide the Premium for Collecting the Taxes for the said year equally between them desire the same may be lodged with the Select men, and to be by them kept for the End aforesaid.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town, duly Qualified rated at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall the tenth of March next at nine o'Clock in the fore noon, then and there to nominate & choose meet persons to serve the Town the year [**255.**] Ensuing, as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables and other necessary officers as the Law directs, to grant such Sums of money as shall be judged needful for the Relief of the Poor, and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of several Committees, to Act upon the List of Jury men; to take some method for the better Regulation of Funerals, and also for preventing the great Fraud that is frequently committed in the Sale of Hoops in Town, and to Choose Jury men for April Court.

To Agree upon, Conclude & Finish such other matters and things as were under Consideration at former meetings, & Continued to be further Debated at this, and also such other matters as may be proper for their Consideration at this Meeting.

Also requiring them to Warn the Free holders to Convene at the same time and place to give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds and Conveyances for the County of Suffolk.

[**256.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 19th. 1745 ——

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

M^r^. Goldthwait informed the Select men that the Honble. the Judges of the Superiour Court desired the Liberty of Faneuil Hall to try the Prisoners in on Friday next.

Voted That Liberty be accordingly granted they putting in repair any thing that may be broke or Damaged in the said Hall.

Voted, That m^r^. Samuel Sprague be appointed Master and have the Charge of the Engine at the Westerly part of the Town of m^r^. Ebenezer Messinger.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 20th. 1745.

The Assessors having desired the advice of the Select men relating to a Citation which they [**257.**] have received from the Great and General Court for their taxing several Butchers of other Towns for carrying on and doing Business in this Town.

Voted, that the Assessors be directed to procure a Councellor in the Law, to draw up an answer to the said Citation, and to depend the same before the great and General Court on Friday the 21st. instant.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 21st. 1745.

M^r^. Hugh Orr this Day delivered to the Select men Twenty small Arms & Bayonets, in part of the One hundred Contracted for with him for the use of the Town of Boston and the Select men drew an order on — m^r^. Thomas Hancock to Pay him One hundred & Seventy five Pounds old tenor for the same out of the money deposited in his hands for that use.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 25, 1746

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.

[**258.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the thirty first day of March instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Choose Collectors of Taxes for the year ensuing, & determine what Premium shall be allowed them; to choose Auditors of the accompts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, a Committee to View the Wooden Shops on the north side of Faneuil Hall Market belonging to the Town, & Report the Circumstances of the same, and what

repairs are wanting; to Grant such Sums of money as may be thought needful for relief of the Poor, and defreying other necessary Charges; to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several affairs, to Consider of the Petition of John Osborne Esqr. and other Gentlemen relating to the Pavement at the lower end of Milk [**259.**] Street; The Petition of James Allen Esqr. for Liberty to move his Gap at the Out Wharves the wedth thereof Northward; The Petition of m^r. John Staniford that the Assessors for this year may be Impowered to make an abatement of some Former Taxes committed to him to Collect; of some method for better Fortifying the Town, Repairing the South Battery and Purchasing Stores Timber and Hulks for the Defence of the Town; of a Motion of the Overseers of the Poor that some proper House may be provided for Distracted Persons, of several Inhabitants for Disposing of Fox hill in the Common for the Interest of the Town, of the Assessors relating to their making abatments of Taxes, of the Collectors respecting their allowance; of Gillam Phillips Esqr. for Widening Pudding Lane; To Petition the General Court to Erect another Powder-house; To appoint a Committee to Visit the Schools, and also a Committee to Audit the accounts relating to the Batterys, to take some method to prevent Negroes keeping Hogs, and to chose such officers as are wanting in the room of those that were Chose the last meeting & refuse to [**260.**] Serve to Agree upon, Conclude & Finish such other matters and things as were under Consideration at former meetings, & Continued to be further Debated at this Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 26th. 1746.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Voted, That the Marsh and Upland belonging to the Town on the Easterly side of Boston Neck formerly Leased to Col^o. Lamb be advertis'd to be Leased to the highest bidder on Wednesday the sixteenth day of April next, for a Term of years as may then be agreed upon by the Select men at Faneuil Hall.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 2^d. 1746.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Steel

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize [**261.**] of Bread as the same is now Stated for Direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the Market being as follows Viz^t.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	2 -	5
Wheaten	2 -	12½
Household	4 -	5

Six Penny White Loaf	15 - -
Wheaten	1 - 0 - 11
Household	1 - 9 - 14

Computed at Eighteen shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and Six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges, and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first Letter of their Christian names, and with the first and last Letters of their Sirnames, and the Clerks of the Market are Directed to make allowance for Bisket well Baked.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 16th. 1746.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

[**262.**] Ordered, That mr. Samuel Sprague have the Charge of the Engine kept at the Westerly part of the Town, and he is allowed Eleven Men besides himself, Vizt.

Samuel Sprague
Ebenezer Messinger
Daniel Ballard
John Browne
Jabez Searl
Joseph Badger
Brignell Odell
Stephen Morine
John Ricks
Peter Cumber
Ebenr. Messinger Junr.
Benja. Hatch

And in case there should happen any Difference at any time among them that they should want to put out or take in a man, the said Samuel Sprague that has the Charge of the Engine shall give an account of the same to the Select men for their allowance and orders for their proceeding, and at any time if a Fire should break out, the said Sprague is Ordered to Improve the said Engine where he thinks he may do the most Service and to take care that at no time the Doors of the Engine house be obstructed by Snow &c. & to work the said Engine, once every month from the first of April to the first of October [**263.**] And to see that the Engine and Pails be kept in good order, and when at any time it shall happen that any thing is out of order or wanting for the said Engine they apply directly to the Select men for their Direction in the affair. And that at all times they bring with them an Axe and Fire-hook and commit the same to the charge of two of their Company, who shall be appointed to manage the same by the Select men, and in Case either the Hook or Axe be not brought they are not to be Entitled to the Bounty of Five Pounds old tenor as by the Towns Vote.

And for their Charge and Diligence in the same, the Inhabitants of the Town at their Meeting the —— day of March 174— have by a Vote free'd them from all other offices in the Town, and also Granted a Premium of Five Pounds old tenor to be paid out of the Town Treasury to the Engine that shall be first brought to work at a House or other Building that shall be on Fire.

[**264.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 23d. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.

The Select men this Day let to Colo. John Hill and mr. Stephen Minot, the Land & Marsh on the Easterly side of Boston Neck, that was formerly Leased to Colo. Lamb, for the term of Seven years at Thirty five Pounds old tenor p. annum, they laying upon the upland the fifth Year of the Lease not less than Thirty Loads of Dung and Plant a Row of Trees ever other an Elm and a Button at the same Distance from each other with the Trees already Planted on the Neck, and to leave the Trees in good and flourishing Condition and the fences in repair.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 28th. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

[**265.**] Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Eighteen shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread and one shilling p. Bushell on White Bread allowed for Charges saving only on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf	2 -	5
	Wheaten	2 -	12½
	House hold	4 -	5
Six Penny	White Loaf	15 -	
	Wheaten	1l - 0 -	11
	House hold	1 - 9 -	14

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 7th. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

m^r. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

[266.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. Annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Wednesday the fourteenth of May instant at nine o'clock in the forenoon then and there to Elect and Depute one or more persons (being Free holders & resident in the Town) according to the Number set and Limited by an Act of the General assembly, to Serve for & Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly, appointed to be Conven'd held & kept for his Majestys Service at the Court house, in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty eighth day of May aforesaid and so [267.] De Die in Diem during their Session and Sessons, according to a Warrant under the hand and seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sherriff of the County of Suffolk, being dated the twenty ninth day of April, In the nineteenth Year of His Majestys Reign, Annoq. Dom. 1746.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to consider of a Petition of m^r. John Lovel for an addition to his Salary, the Petition of Sundry Inhabitants for shutting up Faneuil Hall Market and appropriating it to some other use, the Pet^rs. of several others that the head of the Town Dock may be fill'd up and a street laid out from Union street to the said Market to appoint a Committee to purchase Stores for the North Battery with the moneys now in the Select men's hands for that purpose, & to get the Gun Carriages made that were Voted last Town Meeting, to fill up the [268.] Vacancy Behind the Wharffe at the South Battery and make a Glacis against the Sconce, to make application to the General Court that the Town may be releived as to their proportion of the Publick Taxes, To lease or otherwise Improve the Engine erected for weighing of Hay at the South part of the Town as shall be most beneficial, m^r. Wardeils Term in it expiring the sixteenth Instant; To consider of some effectual method to prevent the pernicious practice of forestalling the Market; To receive the Report of the Towns Committees on several affairs, and to act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said meeting.

Voted, that the Rev^d. m^r. Hooper be desired to open the Town Meeting on Wednesday the fourteenth instant with Prayer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 12. 1746.

The Select men this Day received of m^r. Hugh Orr Twenty more small Arms & Bayonets [269.] (from N°. 21 to 40) of the One Hundred Contracted for with him for the use of

the Town of Boston, as by his agreement the 14th. day of November last,

The Select men drew an Order on mr. Thomas Hancock to Pay him One hundred and Seventy-six pounds ten shillings old tenor for the same (it being Eight Pounds sixteen shillings and six pence each) out of the money deposited in his hands for that use.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 17th. 1746.

Mr. Hancock this Day paid into the hands of mr. Treasurer Wadsworth (according to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting the 14th. instant) the money which was in his hands and which he received by order of the General Court for Purchasing Stores &c. for the North Battery being Six hundred and Sixty-six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence New Tenor and mr. Hancock produced a Receipt from the Treasurer for said Sum.

[270.] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 26th. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Voted, That the Sum of One hundred & ninety eight pounds, four Shillings and six pence old tenor be paid out of the Town Treasury to each of the Four Collectors of Taxes, Vizt.

Joseph White Esqr. Capt. Benjamin Edwards, Deacon William Larrabee and Capt. Andrew Cunningham, for Collecting the Taxes for the year 1744, being in full for the said Service, and that Drafts be made on the Town Treasurer accordingly.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Seventeen shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings & six pence p. Bushell one Household Bread, and one shilling p. Bushell [271.] On White Bread, allowed for Charges saving only on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf - - - - - - - -		2 -	7
Wheaten		2 -	14
Household		4 -	8
Six Penny White Loaf		–	–
Wheaten	1l -	1 -	4
Household	1 -	11 -	

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 30th. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Samuel Adams Esqr. delivered a Precept which he had received for the Choice of one Representative in the room of the Honble. Andrew Oliver Esqr. who is chosen one of his Majestys Council — therefore.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a [272.] Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. Annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling; to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Wednesday the fourth of June next, at nine o'Clock in the Forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute a Person (being a Free holder and resident in the Town) to serve for and Represent them (if they see cause) in the Great and General Court or Assembly now Conven'd held and kept for his Majestys Service at the Court house in the Room of the Honble. Andrew Oliver Esqr. who is chosen one of his Majestys Council, and to attend his Majestys Service in said Court at or before the fifth day of June next, and so De Die in Diem during the Session and Sessions [273.] of said Court, according to a Precept under the Hand and Seal of the Honble. Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. Speaker of the Honourable House of Representatives.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to receive the Report of the Towns committees on several Affairs, and to act upon all such other matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

N.B. The Select men propose to close the Poll for the Choice of a Representative at Twelve o'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 18th. 1746.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town, pursuant to the Vote and Order [274.] of the Inhabitants at their Meeting the fourteenth of May last, be attended on Wednesday the Twenty-fifth day of June Current, and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany the Select men in the said Visitation, Viz^{t}.

The Hon^{o}. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon^{o}. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon^{o}. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon^{o}. John Wheelwright Esqr.
The Hon^{o}. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.

The Gent^{n}. the Repr^{ve}. of the Town of Boston

The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Thomas Prince
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Thomas Foxcroft
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Ellis Gray
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Andrew Eliot
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Cooper
Col^{o}. John Hill
Josiah Cheever Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Francis Borland Esqr.
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
[275.] m^{r}. Edmund Quincy
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
Col^{o}. William Downe
M^{r}. Thomas Greene
Capt. John Wendell
m^{r}. Thomas Oxnard

Ordered, That m^{r}. Savell give seasonable notice to the several Gentlemen of this appointment, and that they be desired to meet at Faneuil Hall at nine o'Clock in the Morning of said Day, and that he acquaint the several Schoolmasters therewith

Voted, That there be a Dinner provided for Thirty Gentlemen on the Day for Visiting the Schools, and that m^{r}. Hancock be desired to see the same provided.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 25th. 1746.

The Select men according to appointment, this Day Visited the Publick Schools in this Town accompanied by the following Gentlemen Viz^{t}.

The Hon^{o}. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
[276.] The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
Col^{o}. John Hill

The Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston.

The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Thomas Prince
m^{r}. Thomas Foxcroft
m^{r}. Ellis Gray
m^{r}. Andrew Eliot
m^{r}. Samuel Cooper
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Francis Borland Esqr.
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
m^{r}. Edmund Quincy
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
Col^{o}. William Downe
m^{r}. Thomas Greene
Capt. John Wendell &
m^{r}. Thomas Oxnard

[277.] And found the South Grammer School wherein were One Hundred & Nine Scholars in very good Order, the South

Writing School in the Common consisting of Two Hundred and Forty Scholars in like good Order, the Writing School in Queen street of Sixty One Scholars, in good Order, the North Grammer School of Thirty five Scholars in good Order, and the North Writing School wherein were Five Hundred and Fifty Scholars in very good Order.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 30th. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Twenty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings [278.] p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread and six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz-	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		2 -	1½
Wheaten		2 -	9
Household		4 -	-
Six Penny White Loaf		13 -	9
Wheaten		15 -	7
Household	1l.	8 -	3

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 23d. 1746.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Colo. William Downe desires the Select men would lend him, Thirty of the Towns small [279.] Arms to Guard the Prisoners to the place of Execution — Voted that the same be granted, he returning them again in good Order.

At a Meeting of the Select men July 28th. 1746.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Voted, That messrs. Andrews & Bugbee be Employed to fill up round the Sconce at the South Battery, with Dirt from the Topt of Fort Hill.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Twenty two shillings p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, and six pence p. Bushell on

a six Penny White Loaf, or larger white [280.] Loaves allowed for Charges and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	13½
Wheaten	2 -	6½
Household	3 -	10
Six Penny White Loaf	12 -	6
Wheaten	14 -	6
Household	1^{l} 5 -	12

At a Meeting of the Selectmen Augst. 25th. 1746.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Mr Hancock
Capt Steel
Capt Salter
Capt Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Twenty four shillings p Bushell (old tenor) for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread. [281.] Three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread, and six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny White Loaf, or larger White Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	12½
Wheaten	2 -	3½
Household	3 -	8½
Six Penny White Loaf	11 -	6
Wheaten	13 -	6½
Household	1^{l} 5 -	2

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and the Select men of Boston, August 26th. 1746.

A Ward upon the Neck upon the Lords Days was then Ordered & Appointed from and after the date hereof until the —— day of October next ensuing inclusive, as has been Customary heretofore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, and is [282.] In the Words following, Viz^{t}.

Boston ss. To each and every of the Constables of the Town of Boston —Greeting

Whereas by an Act of the Great & General Court pass'd in the Eleventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William III, Intitled an act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted "that from time to time when and so often as a Military Watch shall not be Ordered and appointed to be kept, the Justices of the peace, together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered & Authorized to Direct and Order a suitable Watch or Watches to be set up and kept &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lords Day and other Days as they shall think

needful and to appoint the number whereof such Watch & Ward shall consist, and the time for the beginning and Continuance of the same, & the Constable or Constables of the Town having orders accordingly given him or them in Writing [**283.**] by the Justices and Select men, are there by Impowered and required from time to time to Warn such Watch & Ward respectively and to see that all Persons so warned by them do attend and observe their Duty in that Regard." — And Whereas the said Justices and Select men are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lords Day (especially at this season of the Year) by loose vain Persons, Servants, Negroes &c. Unnecessarily travelling or walking to and from Boston & Roxbury with neglect of attending on the Publick Worship of God in either place & bringing from the neighbouring Towns, Corn, Apples and other Fruits of the Earth to the great Disturbance of the Publick Peace & Scandal of our Christian Profession It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices and Selectmen that from and after the date hereof, & until the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive the Constables of and within the Town of Boston and every of them by turns do Warn [**284.**] And appoint Eight meet and Sober Persons, Inhabitants of the said Town, on the Lords Days to Warn on the Neck or highway between Boston and Roxbury at some convenient place near the Line of Defence, Four of the said Persons are to give their attendance there from seven o'Clock in the morning until half an hour after twelve at noon and there to be releived by the other Four who are there to continue upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening.

And the Constable or Constables are to take Care in warning thereof that such Ward do not consist of all or the greatest part Youths, but that some able Householders or other sufficient Persons be enjoyn'd with them and the said Constables are hereby enjoyned to give in charge to such Ward to prevent & suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers and restrain them from disporting, Idle walking or unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day, and if any person or persons be [**285.**] Rude, Refractory or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the occasion of their Travelling, or otherwise misbehave themselves to take them up and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace, or return their names to such Justice in order to their being Examined and proceeded against according to the nature of their offence as Prophaners of the Lords day, Given under our hands & seals at Boston the 26th. Day of August, in the Twentieth year of His majestys Reign, Annoq Domini, 1746

Boston, Augst. 25th. 1746.

Whereas the Petitions of sundry persons for License to Sell strong Drink both as Innholders and Retailers have been Presented to the Select men and at several meetings by them Considered. A List of their Names & the street where each Person dwells with the actings of the Select men on said Petitions is here Recorded as follows, Vizt.

[**286.**] Innholders Approved & Recommended, Vizt.

Sarah Renken Summer Street

Ralph Mayer	Lynn Street
Lois Brown	Prince Street
Jacob Pound	Last house at Long Wharffe
Jacob Sheaffe	Common Street
Timothy Breed	Charter Street
Peace Casno	Dock Square
Jonas Leonard	Newbury Street

Retailers Approved & Recommended, Viz^{t}.

Ellin Coker	King Street
Sarah Kimball	Sudbury Street
Jane Kimball	Cambridge Street.
Philip Masters	Cow Lane
Thomas Fillebrown	at Distill house, W^{t}. p^{t}. of Bat.
Katharine Harratt	Orange Street
Elizabeth Marshall	Mackeril Lane
Sarah Pines	Leverets Lane
Katharine Lorkin	Marlboro' Street
Ester Hill	
Elizabeth Rand	Sudbury Street
Mary Lowden	Windmill point
[287.] Mary Butler	Brattle Street
Deborah Howard	Back Street
Elizabeth Grover	Fish Street
Hannah Hovey	Orange Street
Mary Serrage	Newbury Street
Benj^{a}. Russell	Queen Street
Edward Sack	Prince Street
David Mason	Wings Lane
John Simpson	Hanover Street
Ann Griffin	Hanover Street
Christ^{o}. Pate	Brattle Street
Gabriel Hebert	Common Street
James Barnard	Prince Street
Mary Burt	Lynn Street
Jabez Tuttle	Lynn Street
Jane Evans	Milk Street

Retailer of Beer, Ale, Cyder &c. Approved & Recommended, Viz^{t}.

Daniel Merrett	Prince Street

Retailers, Disallowed, Viz^{t}.

Mary Gould	Back Street
Robert Ford	Fish Street
[288.] Mary Ledyard	Purchase Street
John Jenkins	Paddys Alley
Martha Bridge	Newbury Street
Katharine Salter	Newbury Street
Richard Knox	Prince Street
Thomas Stobart	Cambridge Street
Cornelius Campbell	Cold Lane

Elizabeth Ruby	Clarks square
James Packenet	Purchase Street
Thomas Eyres	Fish Street
Susanna Fisk	Hanover Street
Sampson Sheaffe	Union Street
Mary Pasmore	King Street
Elizabeth Smith	Purchase Street
Benjamin Wheeler	Newbury Street

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 1st. 1746.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

The Select men desired the Assessors would [**289.**] Attend them in their Chamber, which they did accordingly, And then they desired the Assessors would forthwith take a List of the Inhabitants in order to make out the Taxes for the year 1746. which they agreed to do as soon as possible.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 10th. 1746.
Present
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Mr. Henry Lloyd appeared and desired, that as the Lease of Deer Island is now near expired, that he may have the Preference of a New Lease for the said Island, as the same is now in Possession.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 17th. 1746.
Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock,
Abiel Walley Esqr.

[**290.**] Mr. Thomas Murfey appeared and offered to take Care of the Province Hospital at Rainsfords Island.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 21st. 1746.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Upon the Petition of the Honble. John Osborne Esqr. and sundry other Gentlemen Inhabitants of this Town, informing that this Government have certain Intelligence that a large Squadron of French Ships are on the Coasts of Nova Scotia, which may make an attempt upon the Town of Boston, desiring that a Town Meeting may be called without delay to Consult what may be done for the Defence [**291.**] & Safety of the Town, Therefore

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name, Requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified, Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (Besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twenty second day of September instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Consult what may be done for the Defence and Safety of the Town by repairing the present Fortifications, or Erecting any others or doing whatever else may be thought necessary, and to raise such sums of money, as may be wanted for effecting the same.

Voted, That the Rev^{d}. Dr. Sewall be desired to open the Town Meeting with Prayer, & that Jonas Clarke Esqr. be desired to Acquaint him there with.

[**292.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sep^{t}. 29th. 1746 ——
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Salter

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty four shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p^{r}. Bushell on House hold Bread, and Six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a Six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p^{r}. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		1 -	12½
Wheaten - - - - - - - - - -		2 -	3½
House hold - - - - - - - - -		3 -	8½
Of Six penny White Loaf - - - - - - -		11 -	6
Wheaten		13 -	6½
House hold	1^{l}-	5 -	2

[**293.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, October 8th. 1746——
Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

M^{r}. William Waters being present, Declared that he would leave the Hospital at Rainsfords Island & take no further Care

thereof — The Select men desired him to take an account of what beds &c. were there belonging to the Province, and send them an Inventory thereof — mr. Waters's Salary for keeping the said Hospital from the Twenty first of June 1745. to this time is One Year, three Months, and three Quarters of a Month, amounting to ninety eight pounds eight shillings and eight pence old tenor, due from the Province, which was allowed him, and the same Ordered to be charg'd to the Province Accot. now to be Carried in.

[294.] Mr. Thomas Murfey Appeared & propos'd to go down & take charge of the Hospital at Rainsfords Island in the room of mr. Waters

The Select men Agreed with him for the same, and to allow him One Hundred pounds old tenor, pr. Annum, at the Province Charge.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 15th. 1746 ——

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Voted, That an Advertisement be put into the Publick, offering a Reward of ten pounds old tenor to any person who will inform the Select men of making Spoil on the Trees in the Common, so as to bring the Offenders to Conviction

Voted, that messrs. Steel & Walley be desired immediately to apply to the Mill Owners to see that the Mill Bridge be suitably repaired.

[295.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty six Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & six pence pr. Bushell on House hold Bread, & six pence p. Bushell on a sixpenny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	10½
Wheaten	2 -	
House hold	3 -	0½
Six Penny White Loaf	10 -	8
Wheaten	12 -	
Household	1l - 2 -	3

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 5th. 1746 ——

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Atkins

[296.] Voted, That the Wooden Shops belonging to the Town on the Dock near Faneuil Hall be let at Forty Pounds old tenor p. annum for each Shop, and that the Brick Shop now in

the occupation of m^{r}. Samuel Butler be let for Sixty Pounds old tenor p. annum, and that the present Tenants be notified thereof, and they are to give their answer on Friday next at three o'Clock in the afternoon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 12th. 1746.
Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Voted, That Samuel Adams & Jonas Clarke Esq^{rs}. be desired in the name of the Select men to write to m^{r}. Hugh Orr of Bridgwater to make One Hundred and Fifteen more [297.] Small arms that they will Pay him Eleven pounds old tenor for each, compleat with Bayonet and Scabbord delivered free from Charge at Boston, and that he be desired to go to work, and finish them out of hand.

Voted, That Messrs. Clarke & Salter be desired forth with to look out for a place at the Entrance of the Town to Erect a New Engine for the weighing of Hay, & Report thereon as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 19th. 1746 ——
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel

Ordered That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty seven Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & Six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread & Six pence [298.] p. Bushell on a Six penny White Loaf or large white Loaves allowed for Charges And on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

Of Penny White Loaf
Wheaten
Household
Six Penny White Loaf
Wheaten
House hold

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 26th. 1746.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty eight Shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven

shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on [**299.**] Household Bread, and six pence p^r^. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket, two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	8½
Wheaten		1 -	13
House hold		2 -	10½
Six Penny White Loaf		9 -	12
Wheaten		10 -	14
House hold	1^l^.	0 -	0

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decem^r^. 3^d^. 1746.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Mem^o^. Jonas Clarke Esqr. & m^r^. Thomas [**300.**] Hancock signed a Certificate to m^rs^. Hannah Dyre, keeper of the Alms house, of the following Persons being sent there on the Province Charge (unless it can be procur'd from the Masters of the Vessells that brought them or some other way), Viz^t^. John Cooke, Mordecai Moore, Elizabeth Tanner, and Elizabeth White all children from Cape Breton, Orphans & sent to the Alms house the 17th. of November last.

Ann Bradley & a Child at her Breast sent Novr. 26th.
Eleanor Edwards, Ditto sent - - 29th
Rebecca Clark & Eliz^a^. Jones, Sick & Weak - 30th

Joanna Kelly & three Children, of nine months, three and six years old, Sent this Day.

Voted, That m^r^. Soloman Kneeland pay the Rent of the Towns Land at the South End, at the Rate of Four Pounds old tenor p^r^. annum until the Engine was plac'd on the said Land, and from that time forward he pay only at the Rate of Twenty shillings old tenor p^r^. annum

Voted, that M^r^. Isaac Peirce be Dismiss'd from [**301.**] the Care of the North Burying place, and

Voted, That m^r^. David Lenox be appointed to have the Care of the said Burying place in the room of m^r^. Peirce, he conforming to the Directions and Orders of the Select men, and receiving such Fees only as shall be by them Stated from time to time.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decem^r^. 10th. 1746.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^r^. Hancock

Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Voted, That the Province Law relating to the Importing of Passengers into this Province be strictly Observed. And that mr. Russell the Impost Officer be desired to return the Circumstances of Passengers as the Law directs.

[302.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 29th. 1746.
Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty six shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on House hold Bread and six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings pr. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Vizt.

		oz.	dr.	d.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	10½ -	6
Wheaten		2 -	-	-
Household		3 -	0½	-
White Loaf		10 -	8	
Wheaten		12		
House hold	1l. -	2 -	3	

[303.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Janry. 7th. 1746.
Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Samuel Adams Esqr.
mr. Hancock
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Whereas mr. Hugh Orr hath agreed with the Select men to deliver them One hundred & fifteen small Arms Compleat with Bayonets & Scabboards, Therefore,

Voted, That there be Advanced to him the sum of Three Hundred Pounds old tenor to Enable him to forward the work and that mr. Hancock be desired to Let him have that Sum out of the money deposited in his hands for purchasing of small arms, upon his giving Bond for the same with mr. William Torrey as Security.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty eight shillings old Tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread [304.] Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold

Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	8½
Wheaten		1 -	13
House hold		2 -	10½
Six Penny White Loaf		9 -	1[illegible]
Wheaten		10 -	1[illegible]
Household	1^{l}. -	0 -	0

A six penny Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal or of any other Person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^{l}. - 11^{oz}. - 0^{dr}. & larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^{ry}. 14th 1746.

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Mr. Thomas Hancock produced mess^{rs}. Hugh Orr and William Torreys Bond, for Seventy five Pounds Bills of the last Tenor bearing date [**305.**] The Eighth instant, which Bond the said Hancock was desired to put with the remainder of the money left in his hands to Purchase Small Arms for the use of the Town.

Mr. Thomas Hancock produced the account and Receipt of Andrew Oliver Esqr. for three Years, Interest of a Bond given him by the Select men for Three Hundred pounds Sterling on the 20th. of September, 1743, amounting to Four Hundred and Thirty two Pounds old tenor which m^{r}. Hancock paid at the request of the Select men, and for which he is to have a Draft on the Town Treasurer the next draft Day.

At a Meeting of the Select men, January 28th. 1746

Present

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

The Select men Let to John Overing Esqr. the Office on the lower floor under the Stairs in Faneuil [**306.**] Hall (lately Improved for the Naval Office) at the Rent of Twenty-five Pounds old tenor p Annum, to Commence on the Twenty fifth day of December last.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Twenty six shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell for Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed

for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.	d
Of penny White Loaf		1 -	10½ -	6
Wheaten		2 -		
House hold		3 -	0½	
White Loaf		10 -	8	
Wheaten		12 -		
Household	1^{l} -	2 -	3 -	

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal, & bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh l 0 - oz. 13 - d. 0 and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

[**307.**] At a Meeting of the Honourable his Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Select men and Overseers of the Poor, within the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall, on Tuesday the 10th. day of February 1746.

Present

The Hon^{o}. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

Justices of the Peace

m^{r}. Thomas Hancock
Capt. John Steel
Capt. William Salter
Capt. Henry Atkins

Select men

William Tyler Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.

Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Wednesday the Eighteenth Day of February current, at nine o'Clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if [**308.**] Not then on Friday following, the twentieth instant — And it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock in the Evening of the said Day of Visitation, to Report the state of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One

The Hon^{o}. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Ebenezer Storer
m^{r}. Samuel Hunt
m^{r}. Richard Buckley
Joshua Pickman, Constable

Ward, Number Two

John Fayerweather Esqr.
George Rogers Esqr.
Capt. John Goldthwait
Capt. Nathaniel Barber
John Sweetser, Constable

Ward, Number Three
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
m^{r}. Thos. Goodwill
m^{r}. Isaac Walker
Capt. Henry Atkins
Deacon Willm. Larrabee
George Eustis, Constable

[309.] Ward, Number Four
William Tyler Esqr.
Jacob Royall Esqr.
Capt. Daniel Pecker
m^{r}. William Fairfield
Hezekiah Usher, Constable.

Ward, Number Five
The Hon^{o}. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman, Esqr.
Edward Winslow, Esqr.
m^{r}. Thomas Hancock
m^{r}. Joseph Lasenby
John Coles, Constable

Ward, Number Six
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Abiel Walley Esqr.
Cornelius Waldo Esqr.
Samuel Sturgis Esqr.
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
Story Dawes, Constable

Ward, Number Seven
Hugh Hall Esqr.
[310.] Nathaniel Balston Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
m^{r}. Jacob Parker
m^{r}. Elias Dupee
Daniel Tuckerman, Constable

Ward, Number Eight
Joshua White Esqr.
Joseph White Esqr.
Col^{o}. William Downe
Capt. John Steel
m^{r}. Joseph Fitch
John Bowden, Constable.

Ward, Number Nine
The Hon^{o}. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.

Capt. Andw Cunningham
mr. John Spooner
John Ball, Constable

Ward, Number Ten
The Hono. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Capt. Joseph Russell
mr. Nathaniel Gardner
[311.] Capt. Jeremiah Green
mr. Ellis Wilson
Samuel Sellen, Constable.

Ward, Number Eleven
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Capt. William Salter
mr. Edmund Quincy
Capt. Benja. Edwards
Benjamin Church, Constable

Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles, Esqr.
George Cradock Esqr.
Colo. John Hill
mr. Thomas Greene
mr. James Day
William Winter, Constable

And the Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above Orders or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Febry. 11th. 1746.
Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
[312.] mr. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty four shillings p. Bushell for Wheat & Seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread, Six pence pr. Bushell on a Six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.	d.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	12½ -	6
Wheaten		2 -	3½	
Household		3 -	8½	
White Loaf		11 -	6	
Wheaten		13 -	6½	
Household	1l	5 -	2	

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal & Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^{l} 13^{oz} 0^{dr} & larger Loaves in ye Same Proportion.

[**313.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 2^{d}. 1746.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Capt. Atkins

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name, requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate, (beside the Poll to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the ninth day of March instant at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then & there to Nominate & Choose meet persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing, as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards Constables and other necessary Officers as the Law directs to Grant such Sums of Money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the Poor [**314.**] and defreying other necessary Charges; to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs, To Act upon the List of Jury Men, To appoint a Committee the Schools; to Choose Auditors of the Accompts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, to determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, as also what time the Assessors may set to make Abatement of Taxes; To Consider of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants for the Paving of a street called Atkinson street; the Petition of several others that some method may be taken to remove the Nusances in Water street, The Petition of Capt. John Goldthwait and m^{r}. Jacob Sheaffe for an Abatement of the Taxes of several persons committed to them to Collect, the Petition of mess^{rs}. Joseph White, Benjamin Edwards & William Larrabee & Elias Dupee for an Abatement of sundry Taxes committed to him to Collect, the Petition of the Watchmen & Bell-Ringers of the Town for an addition to their Wages; [**315.**] To Consider whether the Town will make any Addition to their Stock for laying in of Grain; of a Motion of sundry Inhabitants that a Quantity of Cordwood may be Purchased by the Town in the Summer for the Relief of the Poor in the Winter; To Determine whether that part of the Common or Training field from m^{r}. Stephen Greenleafes to m^{r} Jacob Sheaffe's shall be inclos'd by a Rail'd fence; To Choose Jurymen for April Court, to Consider whether the Town will do anything more to put themselves into a better posture of Defence.

To Agree upon, Conclude and Finish such other Matters and things as were under Consideration at former meetings, & Continued to be further Debated at said Meeting.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at

the Rate of Twenty six shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & Seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny [**316.**] White Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	10½
Wheaten		2 -	
Household		3 -	00½-
Six Penny White Loaf		10 -	8
Wheaten		12 -	
Household	1^{l}. -	2 -	3

NB. A six penny Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal or bread of any other person that bakes the like sort must weigh 0^{l} 13$^{oz.}$ 0$^{dr.}$ and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 4th. 1746.

Present
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Hancock
Capt. Atkins
Capt. Steel
Abiel Walley Esqr.

[**317.**] Agreed with mess^{rs}. Thornton and Fosdick to pave Winter street at six shillings old tenor p. yard they to find all the Labour in Pitching the Stones, fitting the Ground & finishing the same, the Town and Abutters to be at the charge of Carting out the Bad Stuff, and pay for the stones and Gravel and Carting the same.

(*No entry on Page 318.*)

[**319.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 11th. 1746.

Present
Capt. John Steel
Capt. William Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. John Tyng
m^{r}. Jeremiah Belknap
m^{r}. Samuel Grant

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to get a number of the By-Laws of the Town, printed as soon as may be and bring them to the Select mens Chamber at Faneuil Hall.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 18th. 1746.

Present
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Voted, That the Rent of the Towns Brick Shop on [**320.**] Dock Square now in the Occupation of m^{r}. Samuel Butler be Set at Sixty-six Pounds thirteen shillings and four pence old tenor p. annum, and the Town Clerk is desired to prepare Leases Accordingly.

Capt. Benjamin Edwards one of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1745. appeared and produced his Receipts in full from the several Treasurers of the Taxes committed to him for the said Year, and desired a draft on the Town Treasurer for his sixth part of the Premium for Collecting the Taxes for that Year.

M^{r}. Thomas Hancock delivered to the Select men one Hundred and Sixty Pounds old tenor received from Capt. Michael Power as a Fine for not giving Bond for the Passengers which he Landed here from Louisbourg, as the Law directs & m^{r}. Hancock is Accordingly Discharged of the same, it being the money that m^{r}. Ezek^{l}. Goldthwait gave his Receipt for, to the said Power & Henry [**321.**] Johnson the 28th. Janry. last.

Voted, That m^{r}. Goldthwait have the Charge of the said money until further Orders from the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 21st. 1746.

Present
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Grant.

Voted, That m^{r}. Goldthwait be desired to Let m^{r}. Savell have One hundred Pounds old tenor out of the One Hundred & Sixty Pounds paid by Capt. Powers, now in his hands to Supply m^{r}. Murfey at the Hospital, the said Savell to be accountable for the same.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 25, 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Steel
[**322.**] Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread as the same is now Stated for Direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the market, as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	13½
Wheaten	2 -	6½
House hold	3 -	10
Six Penny White Loaf	12 -	6
Wheaten	14 -	6
House hold	1^{l}. 5 -	12

Computed at Twenty two Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p^r. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p^r. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p^r. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, [**323.**] and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for sale, with the first Letter of their Christian Names, and with the first and last Letters of their Surnames, And the Clerks of the Market are directed to make an allowance for Bisket well Baked.

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal & Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh as follows, Viz^t.

	l.	oz.	dr.
A Six penny Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
A two Shilling Loaf	4 -	1 "	0

and larger Loaves in the same proportion, being set at fifteen shillings p. Bushell for Corn.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 30 1747 —

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r. Tyng
Capt. Steel
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^r. Belknap
m^r. Grant

[**324.**] Deacon William Larrabee one of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1745, appeared & produced his Receipts in full from the several Treasurers, of the Taxes committed to him to Collect for the said Year.

Voted, That he have a Draught upon the Town Treasurer for the Sum of Two hundred and Thirty six Pounds one shilling & five pence old tenor being one sixth part of the Premium for Collecting the Sum of Thirty seven Thousand seven hundred and seventy one Pounds fourteen shillings old tenor between the six Collectors for that year.

A Petition of Joshua Cheever Esqr. and sundry others Inhabitants of this Town to the Number of Eighty seven, praying a Town meeting may be called to consider of the affair of Faneuil Hall market — was presented; & Read, and there upon

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant, directed to the Constables of Boston,

In His Majestys Name requiring them [**325.**] forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the third day of April next at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to Consider of and act upon a Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of this Town praying that Faneuil Hall Market, may be shut up, or put under some other regulation than now it is.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 1 ; 1747.

Voted, That an Address be presented to His Excellency the Governour to take off the Prohibition whereby Vessells from Connecticut are stopt at his Majestys Castle William upon Suspicion of the small pox, the Masters of sundry Vessells arrived from thence lately having Declared that that Distemper is not in the Colony of Connecticut as they knew of when they left it.

[**326.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 1st. 1747.

Present
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That mr. Ebenezer Messinger be appointed Master of the West Engine in the room of mr. Samuel Sprague who is gone to Louisbourg and that mr. Nicholas Gray be admitted to belong to the said Engine.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 8th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

[**327.**] Voted, that Messrs. John Bowden & George Eustis be Admitted into the Engine at the Westerly part of the Town, under the Care of mr. Ebenr. Messinger, they being Released from Trainings by their respective Captains.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty four shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings pr. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and two shillings p. Bushell on White Bisket for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	12½
Wheaten	2 -	6½
House hold	3 -	8½
Six penny White Loaf	11 -	6
Wheaten	13 -	6½
House hold	1 - 5 -	2

NB. A Two shilling Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other Person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 3lb. 10oz. 10dr. being set at seventeen shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Corn.

[328.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 15th. 1747

Present

Samuel Adms Esqr.
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Whereas a Number of Persons are now present to Lease Deer Island, this being the Day, Appointed by the Select mens advertisement, Dated the 21st. March last, agreed that it now be Leased to the highest bidder.

And mr. Henry Lloyd bid one hundred and Forty Ounces of Coined Silver of Sterling Alloy p. Annum for the Same, and he being the last or highest bidder, the same was knocked off, to him.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 27th. 1747 ———

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Steel
[329.] Capt Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & Six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny White Loaf or larger White Loafes allowed for Charges, and two shillings p. Bushell on White Bisket for Charges, which is Computed as follows Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	8½
Wheaten		1 -	13
House hold		2 -	10½
Six Penny White Loaf		9 -	12
Wheaten		10 -	14
House hold	1l.	-0-	0

NB. A Two Shilling Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings [330.] brown bread, that does not exceed one sixth part Rye & one Sixth part Indian meal, & Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 4th. 1747.

Present

Capt. Steel
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Mr. Thomas Hancock applied to the Select men in the name of

his Excellency Governour Knowles (with his Complements to them to be there) Desiring he might have of the use of Faneuil Hall, one Evening this week for a Concert of Musick which was Unanimously Consented to by the Select men.

The Town Clerk this day delivered a Precept from Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sherriff of the County of Suffolk, for the Choice of Representatives for the Year ensuing, which he informed was [**331.**] Delivered him the second instant.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town, (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. Annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Tuesday the twelfth day of May instant at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Elect & Depute one or more Persons (being Free holders & Resident in the Town) according to the Number Set & Limited by an Act of the General Assembly, to serve for & Represent them in a Great & General Court or Assembly appointed to be Conven'd held & kept for his majestys Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty seventh day of said May, and so De Die in Diem during their Session & Sessions according to a [**332.**] Warrant under the hand and seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sherriff of the County of Suffolk, bearing date the Twenty seventh day of April, in the Twentieth year of His Majestys Reign, Anno Domini 1747.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to Consider of the Petition of m^{r}. Zachariah Hicks and m^{r}. John Procter jun^{r}. for an Addition to their Salarys; The Petition of m^{r}. Joseph Hubbard that the Town would Grant him a Strip of Land adjoyning to his Pasture near Purchase street in Lieu of a peice of Land, he has given the Town; The Petition of m^{r}. Samuel Bass and m^{rs}. Kezia Harvey that the Town would sell them a small peice of Land in Water street; The Petition of several Inhabitants that application be made to the General Court that the Town may be Redressed as to the Greviances they labour under by the Millers Engrossing the [**333.**] Grain and that Instructions be given the Rep^{ves}. concerning this matter, or any other matters the Town shall Judge proper, The Petition of m^{r}. Thomas Paine that the Town would allow him to Erect a Shop on their Land the north side of Faneuil Hall Market, to the Eastward of the Shop occupied by mess^{rs}. John & Richard Billings. to gran: such Sums of money as may be thought needful for the Relief of the Poor & defreying other necessary Charges, to Receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several affairs, to Choose such Officers as are wanting in the room of those who were Chose in March last and refuse to Serve, and to Act upon all such other matters & Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

Voted, That a Petition be drawn up and presented to his Excellency Governour Knowles (who is now residing in this Town) for

Liberty for the Inhabitants of the Town of Boston to fetch Sea Coal from Cape Breton for their use which was accordingly done and is as follows, Viz^t.

To His Excellency Charles Knowles Esqr. [334.] Governour and Commander in Chief in & over the the Island of Cape Breton in North America, now residing in the Town of Boston, in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

The Petition of the Subscribers, Select men of the Town of Boston, for and in behalf of said Town,

Humbly Sheweth,

That this Town for many Years past has been Supplied with Fire Wood brought from the Eastward parts of this Province, & has constantly employed great numbers of Sloops in bringing the same here, and their cheaf Dependence for Fuel in the Winter has been on those parts, But so it is, May it please your Excellency, that when this Government had determin'd upon the late Successful Expedition against Cape-Breton, they took up almost every Coaster that transported Wood, into their Service, in which some of 'em have been employ'd to this Day in carrying the Kings Stores &c. for the Garrison at Louis bourgh, and [335.] Others of them that were discharged, are afraid to go to the Eastward for Wood, as usual, the Indian Enemy being many there, and are frequently killing our Men, so that the Town has already suffered extremely for want of so absolutely necessary an Article as Fireing is, in such a Cold Climate as this, and if it can't be supplied from other places than the Eastern parts, the Inhabitants have the melancholly Prospect of suffering much more the ensuing Winter than they have yet done, for the Wharves in the Town that at this Season of the year were generally full of Wood, have not sufficient for daily use, and as we can think of no method to avoid the great Distress the Inhabitants of this Town, must inevitably meet with for want of Fireing but by applying to your Excellency for Relief we flatter ourselves that your Excellency will Excuse us in giving you this trouble, our request therefore is, that your Excellency will be pleased to allow Sea Coal to be brought us from Cape Breton, and to Induce you Sir, to [336.] Grant the same, we would just mention to you, that great Numbers of Persons who liv'd at the Eastward, and every Year Cut and brought down to the Water side large Quantitys of Wood, went on said Expedition and never Return'd having died at Louisbourgh or Enter'd into his Majestys Service there; that after the Reduction of the place many more Wood Cutters went to Louisbourg from the Eastward, & those that remained have been some kill'd by the Indians, and the rest drove from their Settlements which are so broke up, that we can expect but small Supplys from thence. Nor has the like Quantitys of Coal been brought us this Year from England as heretofore, the greater Number of Blacksmiths, Sugarbakers &c. in Town being now without any & therefore obliged to stand still, and in Consequence the Shipwrights must soon be Idle, and the Trade & Navigation of these parts entirely cease.

We presume we need not mention to [337.] Your Excellency the great share this Town had in the Conquest of Cape-Breton

(more perhaps than all the other Towns upon the Continent) and the many Difficulties and Burthens we now do, and our Posterity must groan under by reason of the Loss this Province has sustain'd in the Deaths of a vast number of our men since the Reduction of that place, and our Burthens will be greatly Increased if we are not Reimburs'd the Expence we were at in prosecuting that Expedition, all which (we apprehend) your Excellency is in a great measure sensible of, and would releive us in the whole were it in your power.

We do therefore Intreat your Excellency will be pleased to take our distressing Circumstances into your Consideration and allow such Vessells as go from hence to Cape-Breton this Year, to Load with Sea Coal, paying for every Chaldron whatever your Excellency shall order; and as there are great Quantitys of it on that Island, we hope your Excellency will allow us to bring [**338.**] away Three Thousand Chaldron, upwards of a Thousand of which will be wanted by Blacksmiths, Sugarbakers &c., (for if any of his Majestys Subjects are Entitled to such a favour we humbly apprehend your Excellency will Judge us to be so) And if your Excellency shall see cause to grant this Petition you will not only give a remarkable Instance of your tender regard, for us & Disposition to releive us but lay the Town of Boston under such Obligations to your Excellency as are not to be forgotten, in the behalf of the Town of Boston, We are your Excellencys most Dutiful and Obedient humble Serv^{ts}.

Boston, May 8th. 1747 } Select men

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 6th. 1747.

Present
Saml. Adams Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
Capt. Steel
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Belknap

The Selectmen Agreed with Jabez Tuttle [**339.**] To Dig the Graves in the North Burying place for the Year ensuing at the Rate of fifteen shillings old tenor for a man, or Womans Grave and so proportionably for Children, according to the Establishment made by the Select men the 13th. September 1745.

The Select men taking into Consideration the Complaint of the several Watchmen, that they cannot any longer afford to attend that Service for the Wages allowed them.

Voted, That it be Recommended to the Town to allow Seven Pounds ten shillings old tenor p. month for all able bodied Men to serve in that place, they following such Instructions as they shall receive from the Select men.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 11th. 1747.

Present
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

m^r^. Tyng
m^r^. Grant

[340.] The Select men Let to m^r^. James Main from Scotland, and he accordingly took Possession the 7th. instant of the Towns Ware house lately hired by m^r^. John Dennie at the Rate of Ten Pounds old Tenor p. month.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 13th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^r^. Tyng
m^r^. Belknap
m^r^. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three Shillings and six pence p^r^. Bushell on Household Bread, Six pence p^r^. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves [341.] Allowed for Charges, and two shillings p^r^. Bushell on White Bisket for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^t^.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	$7\frac{1}{4}$
Wheaten	1 -	$11\frac{1}{2}$
Household	2 -	9
Six Penny White Loaf	9 -	3
Wheaten	10 -	2
Household	15 -	3

N.B. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & bread of any other Person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^l^. - 14^oz^. - 4^dr^. and larger Loaves in the smae Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 25th 1747 ——

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Captain Salter
m^r^. Tyng
m^r^. Belknap
m^r^. Grant

[342.] Voted, That m^r^. John Savells allowance for attending on the Select men &c. be One Hundred and Twenty Pounds old tenor p. annum.

At a meeting of the Select men, June 10th. 1747.

Present
Capt. Steel
Capt. Salter

Mr. Hugh Orr delivered to the Select men Thirty one small Arms, being part of the One hundred and Fifteen he Contracted for, last fall. and the Select men at the same time gave him an order on m^r^. Thomas Hancock for Three Hundred and Forty one Pounds old tenor which is the Sum agreed on for the same being part of the money lodg'd in his hands by order of the Town for purchasing small Arms; The said Hugh Orr &c. Bond for Three Hundred pounds old tenor lent him the 7th. of January last, to remain still [**343.**] In m^r^. Hancock's hands.

N.B. Mr. Orr has left the Bayonets of the said Guns with m^r^. Franklyn to make Scabboards for them.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p^r^. Bushell on a Six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^t^.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	7¼
Wheaten	1 -	11½
Household	2 -	9
Six Penny White Loaf	9 -	3
Wheaten	10 -	2
Household	15 -	3

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^l^. - 10^oz^. - 4^dr^. and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

[**344.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 13th. 1747.
Present

Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.

Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town pursuant to the Vote & order of the Inhabitants at their Meeting the twelfth of May last, be attended on Friday the nineteenth day of June Current, and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany the Select men in the said Visitation, Viz^t^.

Sir William Pepperell, Baronet
The Hon^o^. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon^o^. John Osborne Esqr.
The Hon^o^. Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.
The Hon^o^. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Hon^o^. Samuel Welles Esqr
The Hon^o^. Samuel Waldo Esqr.
The Hon^o^. John Jeffries Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr.
[**345.**] George Cradock Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.

John Phillips Esqr.
George Rogers Esqr.
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D.D.
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chauncey D.D.
The Revd. m^{r}. John Webb
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. William Weelstead
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Gent^{m}. the Rep^{ves}. of the Town of Boston,
Capt. Alex^{r}. Forsyth
Capt. Henry Atkins
m^{r}. Eben^{r}. Storrer
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
m^{r}. Isaac Walker
m^{r}. Rufus Greene

Ordered, That m^{r}. Savell give seasonable notice to the several Watchmen of this Appointment and that they be desired to meet at Faneuil Hall at nine o'Clock in the morning of the said Day & that he acquaint the several Schoolmasters therewith.

[346.] At a meeting of the Select men, June 19th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Steel
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

The Select men according to appointment, this Day Visited the Publick Schools in this Town, Accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr.
George Cradock Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.

The Gent^{n}. the Representatives of the Town of Boston,
The Rev^{d}. Dr. Joseph Sewall
[347.] The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. William Weelsteed
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Mather
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. Henry Atkins
m^{r}. Rufus Greene
m^{r}. Isaac Walker
m^{r}. Ebene^{r} Storer

and found the South Grammer School wherein were One Hundred and Ten Scholars, in very good Order, the South Writing School

wherein were Two Hundred and Sixty five Scholars in like good Order, the Writing School in Queen street of Sixty two Scholars in very good order, the North Grammer School of Forty Scholars in good Order, and the North Writing School wherein were Two hundred and seventy one Scholars in very good order.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 24th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
[348.] Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

The Select men received a Letter from his Excellcy Governour Shirley, inclosing a Paragraph of a Letter from Governour Knowles, relating to the fetching of Sea Coal from Cape-Breton.

Voted, That the Consideration thereof be referr'd to next Monday.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 26th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Twenty eight shillings [349.] Old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	8½
Wheaten	1 -	13
Household	2 -	10½
Six Penny White Loaf	9 -	12
Wheaten	10 -	14
Household	1l.- 0 -	0

N.B. A Six Penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & & Bread of any other Person that bakes the like Sort, must weigh ——— and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

Whereas his Excellency Governour Shirley has wrote a Letter to the Select men, recommending it to them to Consider of some method for the Encouragement of bringing in a larger supply [350.] of Cord Wood from the Eastern parts at as moderate a Rate as may be, and is pleas'd to promise his assistance by grant-

ing Protections for safe guarding the Men that shall be Employ'd in Carrying Wood to the Vessells and Loading it on board of them, or doing any thing else in his Power that may be propos'd for forwarding this Affair, & has also inclos'd a Paragraph of a Letter wrote him by Governour Knowles relating to the fetching of Sea Coal from Cape Breton, desiring the same may be Communicated to the Town in such manner as the Select men shall think proper, Therefore,

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitant's of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Twenty ninth Day of [**351.**] June instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, to Consider of the most effectual method of supplying he Town with Cord Wood upon the Encouragement given by Governour Shirley, and also of fetching Sea Coal from Cape Breton upon the Encouragement given by Governour Knowles, and do therein what ever else may be thought Necessary.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 29th, 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That Capt. Steel and mr. Grant be desired to agree with the Mill Owners in what manner to repair the Mill Bridge.

[**352.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 8th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That mr. John Blower, be appointed master of the Engine kept by the Prison in the room of Stephen Willis decēd.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 15th. 1747 ——

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That mr. Thomas Moulin be allowed to be a Watchman

at the Town house Watch, during the Approbation of the Select men, [353.] his Time to Commence the 16th. instant.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 17th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Mr. Savell this Day, delivered to messrs. Josiah Carter Samuel Hastings & John Bowden, Three of the Sealers of Leather within this Town, one of the Towns sealing Hammers to each of them.

At a Meeting of the Select men July 20th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant

[354.] Mr. Charles Apthrop delivered to the Select men a Paragraph of a Letter which he had received from Governour Knowles, in the words following Vizt. "Pray tell the Select men if they don't send People to Dig Coal it will be impossible for me to send them any, as we have not men enough to Dig for ourselves, if they pay me Ten shillings a Chaldron any person may send and Dig as much as they please."

At a Meeting of the Select men July 29th 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Twenty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves [355.] Allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		1 -	8½
Wheaten		1 -	13
Household		2 -	10½
Six Penny White Loaf		9 -	12
Wheaten		10 -	14
Household	1l. -	0 -	0

NB. A six penny Loaf of major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal & bread of any other person

that bakes the like Sort must weigh —— and larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 30th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

[**356.**] Voted, That the following Allowances be made as by the Towns order, to the several Sextons for Ringing the Bells at the hours Stated by the Town, Vizt.

Ten Pounds old tenor p. Annum, for once a Day.
Twenty Pounds — p. Ditto for twice a Day and
Thirty Pounds — p. Ditto for three times a Day.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Augst. 19th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That the Sealers of Wood be allowed Six pence old tenor p. Cord for sealing of wood.

Memo. August 20th. 1747.

The Select men wrote the following Letter to his Excellency Governour Knowles at Cape-Breton, Vizt.

Sir, Boston, August 20th. 1747

We had the Honour of your Excellencys [**357.**] Letter of the 16th. ult. and are extreamly obliged to your Excellency for your readiness in giving Liberty to the Town to fetch Sea Coal from Cape-Breton, and that they are welcome (as you are pleased to say) to any Quantity they may want. We were in hopes when the several Vessells for it went from hence, Persons (other than the Kings Troops whom we coul'd not expect should be employ'd in that Service) might have been procur'd at Louisburg to have Dug it, but as that can't be, for the future we shall inform all such as may have our Letters to your Excellency, that thy must Dig it themselves or carry Persons that will, otherwise they must not expect any. And we being so fully sensible of your Excellencys kind regards for the Town and Disposition to serve it, we doubt not in the least but your Excellency will still Grant such as may hereafter come for Coal all the Protection and assistance that may be necessary, which will still lay the Town under greater Obligations to your Excellency than [**358.**] They already are.

We are, in behalf of the Town

Your Excellencys most Obliged and Obedient humble Servants,

SELECT MEN.

At a Meeting of the Select men August 22d. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esq
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty two shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
[359.] Of Penny	White Loaf	1 -	$5\frac{3}{4}$
	Wheaten	1 -	$10\frac{1}{2}$
	Household	2 -	8
Six Penny	White Loaf	8 -	6
	Wheaten	9 -	15
	Household	15 -	

N. B. A Six penny Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal or of any other person that bakes the like sort must weigh 0 -10oz -3dr and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majestys Justices of the Peace and the Select men of Boston, August —— 1747.

A Ward on Boston Neck was upon the Lords Days then Ordered and Appointed from and after the Date hereof, until the —— day of October next ensuing inclusive, as has been Customary heretofore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, and is in the words following, Vizt.

Boston ss. To each and every of the Constables of [360.] The Town of Boston, Greeting,

Whereas by an Act pass'd in the Great and General Court, in the Eleventh year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William III, Entitled an Act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted, "that from time to time when and so often as a military watch shall not be Ordered and appointed to be kept the Justices of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province, are Impowered and Authorized to Direct and Order a suitable Watch or Watches to be set up and kept. &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lords Day and other Days as they shall think needful and to appoint the Number whereof such Watch and Ward shall Consist, and the time for the beginning and Continuance of the same, and the Constable or Constables of the Town having Orders accordingly given him or them in writing by the Justices and Select men are thereby impowered and required from time to time to Warn such Watch & Ward [361.] Respectively and to see that all persons so warned by them, do attend and observe their Duty in that Regard." And Whereas the said Justices and Select men are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lords Day (especially at this season of the year) by loose vain

persons, Servants, Negroes &c. Unnecessarily Travelling or Walking to & from Boston and Roxbury, with neglect of attending on the Publick Worship of God in either place, & bringing from the neighbouring Towns Corn Apples and other Fruits of the Earth to the great Disturbance of the Publick peace & Scandal of our Christian Profession. It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices and Select men that from and after the date hereof and until the —— day of October next ensuing inclusive the Constables of and within the Town of Boston and every of them by Turns do Warn and appoint Eight meet and sober persons, Inhabitants of the said Town, on the Lords day, to Ward on the Neck or highway between Boston and Roxbury at some convenient place near the Line of Defence, Four [**362.**] Of the said Persons are to give their attendance there from seven o'Clock in the Morning until half an hour after Twelve at Noon, and there to be releived by the other Four who are there to continue upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening. And the Constable or Constables are to take care in Warning thereof that such Ward do not consist of all or the greatest part Youths but that some able Householders or other sufficient Persons be joined with them, And the Constables are hereby enjoyned to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent and suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers and restrain them from Disporting Idle walking or unnecessary Travel on the Lords day, and if any person or persons be Rude, Refractory or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the Occasion of their Travelling, or otherwise misbehave themselves to take them up and carry them before the next Justice of peace or return their names to such Justice in [**363.**] Order to their being Examined and proceeded against according to their nature of their offence as Prophaners of the Lords day. Given under our hands and seals at Boston the —— Day of August, In the Twenty first year of His Majestys Reign, Annoque Domini 1747.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Augst. 26th. 1747.

Present

John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the first Day of September [**364.**] Next at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Determine whether Faneuil Hall Market shall be again opened after the second Tuesday of said September, or remain shut up for a farther time, and do any thing that may be thought necessary for the better Regulation of the same, To Consider of the request of several Inhabitants that the head of the Town-Dock

or so much thereof as shall be thought proper be fill'd up, and also what alterations may be best to be made at Olivers Bridge, to do what soever may be thought necessary for the better Regulation of the Hay market at the South part of the Town to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs, to Choose Jurors for October Court, and to act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said meeting.

The Select men this day wrote a Letter to Christopher Kilby and Eliakim Palmer Esq^{s}. in London, Agents for the Town respecting [**365.**] The Controversy between the Town and m^{r}. Everill's heirs before His Majesty in Council which is in the words following Viz^{t}.

Gentlemen Boston, Augst. 26, 1747.

We had the favour of yours of the 25th. of March 1745, wherein you inform us that the controversy between the Town and m^{r}. Everill's heirs was Determin'd in favour of the Town by the Lords of the Committee & that their Judgment has put and End to that Dispute, The Town are very much obliged to you Gent^{n}. for the great Care and Pains you have taken in this Affair and are well satisfied that your Conduct herein has been so agreeable to their Instructions, as we know not upon what Facts or Points their Lordships gave their Judgment, should be glad you'l please to procure a Copy thereof from the proper Office and Send it by the first Opportunity.

The Town transmitted a Bill of Exchange to you for Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, drawn by Andrew Oliver Esqr. on the late [**366.**] m^{r}. Storkes and Son, which you advise us was duly paid, as we can't pretend to know the Expence you have been at in the whole of this Affair the Town would be glad to have your account that they may see how it stands. m^{r}. Kilby has never yet been paid for the Frame of m^{r}. Faneuils picture, which h'll please to Charge in said account, and also for your own Trouble & Care in the above Controversy, as you are the best Judges what will be an hands- more Recompence therefor. We are Gentlemen, with greatful acknowledgments for your good Services to the Town, Your most Obedi^{t}.

Humble Servants
}SELECT MEN

Christ^{o}. Kilby & Eliak^{m}. Palmer Esq^{s}

Boston, August 27.th 1751 (*sic.*)

Whereas the Petitions of sundry Persons for License to sell strong Drink both as [**367.**] Innholders and Retailers have been presented to the Select men and at several meetings by them Considered — A List of their names and the street where each Person dwells with the actings of the Select men on said Petitions, is here Recorded as follows Viz^{t}.

(*Omission of entry in original, on pages 367 and 368.*)

[**369.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Augst. 31st. 1747,
Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter

m^r^. Tyng
m^r^. Belknap
m^r^. Grant

Atkinson street being now paved, the Select men viewed the same agreeable to the Vote of the Town and approved thereof

Ordered That a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for six Hundred Pounds old tenor, being the Sum allowed by the Town for paving the said Street.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sep^t^. 15th. 1747.

Present
John Steele Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^r^. Tyng

It is Agreed upon and Ordered that Thursday [**370.**] The twenty-fourth day of September Current, be the time for running the Line and renewing the Bound marks between the Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury, and that the Select men or any two of them be a Committee for and in behalf of the Town of Boston fully Authorized and Impowered to join with such persons as the Select men of Roxbury shall appoint and impower to attend and perform the same and that all Persons concerned therein be and hereby are desired to meet at the house of m^r^. John Grayton at the sign of the Greyhound in Roxbury at two of the Clock in the afternoon of the said Day in order to attend the said Business, and the Town Clerk is hereby directed to give seasonable notice (by a Letter) to the Select men of Roxbury of this Appointment, desiring them to appoint and Impower a Committee in the behalf of the Town of Roxbury, to join with us in that Service accordingly, and if the Weather should prove [**371.**] Wet and apparently unsuitable for the performance of the said Work on the Day above mentioned then the same to be attended and performed the next day, Viz^t^. on Friday the twenty fifth Day of September Current, to meet at the said place at two o'Clock in the afternoon.

The following Letter was Wrote to the Selectmen of Roxbury, Viz^t^.

Gentlemen, Boston, Septr. 15 1747.

These are to give you notice that this Year is the time wherein according to Law, we are required to run the Boundary Line betwixt this Town and the Town of Roxbury. You are therefore desired to appoint and Impower a Committee to join with that of ours for the performance of that Service, and that they meet us at the house of m^r^. John Graton at the sign of the Greyhound in Roxbury, on Thursday the twenty fourth Day of September Current, at two o'Clock in the afternoon; the Persons appointed in behalf of this Town are the Select men Viz^t^. Samuel Adams and John Steel Esq^rs^. Capt. [**372.**] William Salter Abiel Walley Esqr. m^r^. John Tyng m^r^. Jeremiah Belknap and m^r^. Samuel Grant and they or any two of them are Impowered to run the Line and renew the Bound marks between the said Towns of Boston and Roxbury accordingly, but if the Weather on the said Twenty

fourth day of September should prove Wet and apparently unsuitable for the performance of this Work, than We do propose and appoint to attend the same on the next Day following, Viz^{t}. on Friday the twenty-fifth of this instant September to meet at the said place at two o'clock in the afternoon

By Order of the Select men
EZEKIEL GOLDTHWAIT, Town Clerk.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 23^{d}. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

[**373.**] Mr. Hugh Orr this Day delivered to the Select men Forty three small Arms and Bayonets, being part of the One hundred and fifteen he Contracted for and the Select men gave him an Order on Thomas Hancock Esqr. for the Sum of Four hundred and Seventy three Pounds old tenor to be paid out of the Money lodg'd in his hands by order of the Town to Purchase small arms. The said Hugh Orr &c. Bond for Three Hundred Pounds old tenor lent him the 7th. of January last, still to remain in m^{r}. Hancocks hands, until the remainder of the Guns be delivered.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 28th. 1747.

Present
Samuel Adams Esqr
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

The Select men of Boston in Concert with the Select men, [**374.**] of Roxbury attended the Perambulation betwixt the Two Towns on the twenty fourth day of September Current, A Report whereof is here Recorded, as follows Viz^{t}.

Pursuant to Agreement we the subscribers met at the time and place appointed and run the Line and renew'd the ancient Bound marks between the said Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury, beginning at the mouth of the Creek which opens into the Bay leading to Cambridge and so goes as the Creek runs until it comes to a range with the Fence and Trees which parts between John Richardson Esq^{rs}. Land formerly called m^{r}. Minot's then cross the street or highway till it comes to a large stone standing end way in the fence and from thence to a stump with a heap of stones about Eighty feet from the highway and from thence streight to a little Knowl upon the Edge of the Creek a corner of the Bounds and from thence Easterly as the [**375.**] Creek runs till it comes to a stake marked B, on one side and R. on the other in Col^{o}. Lamb's dam and from thence as the Creek runs into the Bay be-

tween Boston and Dorchester, Dated the 24th day of September 1747,

Select men Roxbury	JOSEPH HEATH JOSEPH WELD ELEAZR. WILLIAMS EDWARD CHILD
Select men of Boston	JOHN STEEL WILLM. SALTER JER. BELKNAP SAML. GRANT

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty two shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz.

	oz.	dr
Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	$5\frac{3}{4}$
Wheaten	1 -	$10\frac{1}{2}$
Household	2 -	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Six penny White Loaf	8 -	6
Wheaten	9 -	15
Household	15 -	3

N.B. A six penny Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings [**376.**] Brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal or Bread of any other Person that Bakes the like Sort must weigh 0l. 10oz - 3dr- and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 7th. 1747.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That John Wardell (who is appointed to weigh all Hay brought to Market) give Bond to the Town Treasurer in the Penalty of Two Hundred Pounds, upon Condition that he faithfully Discharge the Duty of that Office and account with the Select men once every Quarter of a Year for the Profits by him received in that Service, and pay the same to [**377.**] The Town Treasurer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 28th. 1747.

Present.

Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

Voted, That the Sealers of Wood be allowed six pence old tenor p. Cord, for all Wood that they shall Measure & Seal.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Thirty four shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & six pence p^{r}. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
	Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	4½
	Wheaten	1 -	12
	House hold	2 -	7
[378.]	Six penny White Loaf	7 -	15
	Wheaten	10 -	4
	Household	14 -	10

NB. A six penny Loaf (old tenor) of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part, Indian Meal or Bread of any other Person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^{l} - 10^{oz}- 8^{dr} and larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 4th. 1747.

Present

Samuel Adams Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

John Wardell who was appointed Hay Weigher at the Engine lately Erected by the Town for that purpose appeared and was Sworn to the faithful Discharge of the said [379.] Trust before Samuel Adams Esqr.

Two of the Men belonging to the Engine at the Westerly part of the Town appeared & informed that m^{r}. Ebenezer Messinger the late master of the said Engine, had removed out of this Town to Live, and desired that m^{r}. John Brown might be appointed Master of the said Engine in his room.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 11th. 1747.

Present

Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Upon Complaint made that the Watchmen at the North Watch house were found a Sleep.

Voted, That each of them be Fined as follows Viz^{t}. Timothy Merrow, Forty shillings, Isaac Peirce, Twenty shillings. Jabez Tuttle Twenty Shillings, Abia Holbrook, Twenty shillings.

NINTH BOOK

OF THE

SELECTMEN'S MINUTES.

[1.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 13th. 1747.

Present

John Steel Esqr
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Capt. Benjamin Edwards one of the Collectors of Taxes for the year 1746 appeared & produced his Receipts in full from the Province & County Treasurers, of the Taxes Committed to him to Collect for the said year and desired a Draft on the Town Treasurer for the Premium for Collecting the same.

The Collectors of Taxes chosen for the Year 1747, being desired to attend and give their answers, whether they would accept & serve in the said Office, and give in their [2.] Bonds, that so the Books may be delivered to them, which the Assessors inform'd the Selectmen were ready.

Capt. Benj^{a}. Edwards, Answers,	he is ready to Serve
m^{r}. John Staniford - - - - - - - -	he is ready to Serve
m^{r}. Elias Dupee - - - - - - - - -	he is ready to Serve
Dea. Willm. Larrabee - - - - - - -	he is ready to Serve
Capt. Alex^{r}. Cunningham - - - - - - -	refuses to Serve
m^{r}. John Ruddock - - - - - - - - - - - - -	Sick

Ordered, That those of the Collectors who have accepted that office, be desired to procure their Bondsmen against next Wednesday.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty six shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell Charges which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
[3.] Of Penny White Loaf	1 -	3½
Wheaten	1 -	10
Household - - - - - - - - -	2 -	5
Six Penny White Loaf - - - - - -	7 -	7
wheaten - - - - - - - -	9 -	7
Household - - - - - -	13 -	14

NB. a six penny Loaf of major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal & bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0 9^{oz}. 8^{dr}, and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 20th. 1747.

The several Collectors of Taxes for the year 1747, who had accepted that office appeared and propos'd the following Persons for their Bondsmen, Viz^{t}.

Capt. Benjamin Edwards proposes William Stoddard Esqr. & m^{r}. Isaac White.

m^{r}. Elias Dupee, proposes, mess^{rs}. John Gardner & Thomas Greenough.

Deacon William Larrabee, proposes Deacon Edward Procter and m^{r}. Francis Richie.

[4.] M^{r}. John Staniford, proposes William Stoddard Esqr. and m^{r}. Cord Cordis.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 20th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap

Whereas a Number of the Inhabitants have made application to the Select men setting forth that great Disorders for several Days past have been Committed within this Town, and Insults and abuses offered to His Excellency the Governour and the Honble. the Council when setting, by a number of Persons (chiefly Strangers) who this week assembled together and Committed great outrages putting the Inhabitants of the Town in great Terror of their. Lives &c. praying the Inhabitants may be forthwith Assembled to Consider what is necessary to be done hereupon.

[5.] Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them immediately to warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock this afternoon, then & there to Consider what is necessary for the Town to do to Evidence their Disavowing and Detestation of this unjustifiable affair.

At a meeting of the Select men, Novr. 30th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Mr. John Ruddock who was Chosen one of the Collectors of

Taxes for the Year 1747. appeared & says he is ready to Serve in that office, and was accord- [6.] ingly sworn to the faithful Discharge thereof. He propos'd mess^{rs}. Nathaniel Greenwood and Samuel Holland for his Bondsmen who were accepted, and the Town Clerk is directed to prepare Bonds accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 16th. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Ordered, That the South Engine be removed from the Towns Land on which it now stands by m^{r}. Solomon Kneelands, to the Land lately owned by the Honble. John Jeffries Esqr.

The Select men this Day received an order passed by the Great and General Court, from them to secure the Walls of the late Court house which was Consum'd by Fire the 7th instant. which order is in the following words vizt

(omission)

[8.] Voted, That Liberty be and hereby is granted to His Excellency the Governour, & the Honble his majestys Council to improve the Chamber in Faneuil Hall, the Select men usually Set in to do Business, when they shall have occasion there for until they can be better provided.

That the Honble Josiah Willard Esqr Sec^{ry} be allowed to make use of the office under the Stairs in Faneuil Hall which hath been Improved for the Naval Office until better provided, he paying the same Rent m^{r}. Overing agreed for to Commence the 12th instant.

Whereas a Number of the Inhabitants of the Town have made application to the Select men, Setting forth that it is with uncommon concern they observe in the Post Boy of the 14th instant Two Letters from his Excellency the Governour to m^{r} Secretary Willard wherein are some Paragraphs which have a tendancy to put the Town in a Disadvantageous Light with his majesty notwithstanding the repeated Instances of [9.] Loyalty at all times shewn by her Inhabitants that they apprehend the Inhabitants are greatly affected by these Letters in their Characters and Priviledges. Praying the Inhabitants may be Conven'd with all possible speed in order to Consult upon proper measures to Vindicate their injured Characters and secure their invaluable Priviledges, Therefore

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In his Majestys Name, requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town, duly Qualified, Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the eighteenth instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Consider of said Petition of the Inhabitants, and the matters thereon mentioned, and what is necessary for the Town to do in this Affair.

[10.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr 23^{d} 1747.

Present
Capt Salter
Abiel Walley Esqr
m^{r} Belknap
m^{r} Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty six shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz -	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf	1-	3½
	Wheaten	1-	10
	Household	2-	5
Six Penny	White Loaf	7-	7
	Wheaten	9-	7
	House hold	13-	14

[11.] NB. A six penny Loaf of major Thwings brown bread that does exceed one fifth part Indian Meal and bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^{l}-9^{oz}-8^{dr} and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr 30th 1747

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r} Tyng
m^{r} Belknap
m^{r} Grant

Application being made to the Select men in behalf of the Honourable the Justices of the Inferiour Court of Common pleas and Court of General Sessions of the peace for the County of Suffolk, that they may have the Liberty of Faneuil Hall for the said Courts to Sit in.

Voted that Liberty be accordingly Granted.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty eight shillings [12.] Old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p^{r} Bushell on House hold Bread six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for charges and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell Charges, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

		oz -	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf	1	2½
	Wheaten	1	8½
	House hold	2	3½
Six Penny	White Loaf	7	
	Wheaten	13	4
	House hold	9	

NB. a Six penny Loaf of major Thwings brown bread that

does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal and bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 0^{l}- 9^{oz}- 1^{dr} and larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a meeting of the Honourable His majestys Justices of the peace, the Gent^{n} the Select men, and overseers of the Poor [**13.**] Within the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall on Thursday the 7th Day of January 1747.

Present

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
William Downe Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.

Justices of the Peace

Capt. William Salter
m^{r} John Tyng
m^{r} Jeremiah Belknap
m^{r} Samuel Grant

Select men

The Hon^{r} Jacob Wendell Esqr
William Tyler Esqr
John Hill Esqr.
m^{r} Edward Bromfield
m^{r} Isaac Walker
m^{r} Ebenezer Storer

Overseers of the Poor

[**14.**] A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended upon Wednesday the thirteenth day of January instant, at nine o'Clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if not then on Friday following the fifteenth instant, and it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil at Five o'Clock in the Evening of the said Day of Visitation, to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One

The Hon^{o}. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. Ebenezer Storer
m^{r}. Samuel Grant
m^{r}. Richard Buckley
m^{r}. Samuel Hunt
m^{r}. William Nichols, Constable

Ward, Number Two

John Fayerweather Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. John Goldthwait
m^{r}. John Barrett
[**15.**] Capt. Nathaniel Barber
Capt. Benjamin Edwards
m^{r}. Thomas Miliken, Constable

Ward, Number Three

Joshua Cheever Esq.

m^{r}. Isaac Walker.
Capt. Henry Atkins
m^{r}. Thomas Goodwill
Deacon William Larrabee
m^{r}. Samuel Clough, Constable
Ward, Number Four
William Tyler Esqr.
Jacob Royall Esqr.
m^{r}. William Fairfield
m^{r}. John Ruddock
m^{r}. John Gardener
m^{r}. Samuel Ballard, Constable
Ward, Number Five
The Hon^{o} Anthony Stoddard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt John Carnes
[16.] m^{r}. Joseph Lasenby
m^{r}. Jonathan Cary, Constable
Ward, Number Six
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
Cornelius Waldo Esqr.
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
m^{r} John Tyng
m^{r} Daniel Bell jun^{r}, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
Hugh Hall Esqr.
Nathaniel Balstone Esqr.
John Philips Esqr.
m^{r} Jacob Parker
m^{r} John Kneeland
m^{r} Philip Viburt, Constable
Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
William Downe Esqr.
m^{r} Jeremiah Belknap
m^{r} Joshua Blanchard
m^{r} Richard Sircumb, Constable
[17.] Ward, Number Nine
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Samuel Sewall Esqr.
William Stoddard Esqr.
m^{r} Elias Dupee
m^{r} John Spooner
m^{r} Daniel m^{c}kean, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
The Hon^{o}. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt Jeremiah Green
m^{r}. Nathaniel Gardner
m^{r}. William Crowell
m^{r}. Edward Baker, Constable

Ward, Number Eleven
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Capt. William Salter
m^{r}. Edmund Quincy
m^{r}. Samuel Deming
m^{r}. John Winslow
m^{r}. William Bowles, Constable
[18.] Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon^{o}. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Col^{o}. John Hill
m^{r}. Thomas Greene
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. James Day
m^{r}. William Coffin
m^{r}. John Collson
m^{r}. James Cunningham, Constable and the Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above Order or Sortment, accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men Jan^{ry}. 13th. 1747.
Present.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant.

Voted, That a Draft be made on the Town Treasurer for the Sum of Four hundred and [19.] Sixty pounds fourteen shillings and a penny payable to John Steel Esqr. in full of the Committees Account for Fortifying the Town.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 10th 1747.
Present.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

Ordered, That m^{r}. Henry Allen, Housewright be and hereby is appointed one of the Sealers of Wood in the room of m^{r}. Joseph Birch who was formerly appointed to that Service & now declines serving any longer in that office.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Thirty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & seven shillings p^{r}. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny white [20.] Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz -	dr,
Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - - - - -	1 -	$2\frac{1}{2}$
Wheaten - - - - - - - - - -	1 -	$8\frac{1}{2}$
Household - - - - - - - - -	2 -	$3\frac{1}{2}$

	oz	dr.
Of Six Penny White Loaf - - - - - - -	7 -	
Wheaten - - - - - - - - -	9 -	
Household - - - - - - - -	13 -	4

NB. A six penny Loaf of major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal and bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh oz. 8- dr. 8- and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 17th. 1747.

Present
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Belknap
m^{r}. Grant

m^{r}. Joseph Jackson one of the Firewards informs [21.] That he had Prosecuted one Clough before m^{r}. Justice Hall for refusing to assist him when ordered in Extinguishing the Fire at the Court house, who Fined the said Clough the sum of Forty shillings agreeable to the Law in that Case provided. Voted, That the Town Clerk wait on the said Justice in the Name of the Selectmen and receive the said Sum that they may Dispose thereof as the Law directs.

Mem^{o}. Feb. 20th. 1747.

The Select men having been Served with a Copy of Nathaniel Wardell jun^{rs}. Petition to the Great and General Court now setting, relating to the By-Law lately made for the weighing of Hay in this Town. Signed and presented the following Answer thereto, Viz^{t}.

Province of the Mass^{a}. Bay,

To His Excellency William Shirley Esqr. Capt. General & Governour in Chief in and over His majestys Province of the massachusetts Bay in New England, To the Honble. His [22.] Majestys Council and House of Rep^{res}. Assembled the 3^{d}. day of February, 1747.

The Subscribers, Selectmen of the Town of Boston to the Petition of Nathl. Wardell jun^{r}., Answer and Say, That true it is an Engine for the weighing of Hay brought to market was Erected at the Southend of Boston, in the Year 1739, at the Expence of several Gentlemen by Subscription, and not at the Charge of said Nathaniel Wardell as he would Insinuate, and a By-Law for regulating said Engine pass'd the Town, & the said Wardell having taken some pains in the affair Petitioned that he might be appointed weigher of the Hay at said Engine and receive all the Profits and Perquisites thereof for seven Years which was accordingly granted him for that Term and no longer, he Complying with said By-Law and such other Terms and Conditions as the Select men should think needful and Convenient of the Service [23.] of the Town, which were that at the Expiration of said seven Years he should peaceably & quietly surrender & Deliver up said Engine unto the Select men of the Town of Boston for the time being, or unto such other Person or Persons as the said Select men or the major part

of them, should for that purpose Order and appoint, with all the materials, utensils and Things whatsoever to said Engine belonging, free of all Charges and Incumbrances whatsoever as are more particularly Expressed in the Obligation then given by said Wardell, a Copy whereof is ready to be produced if this Honble. Court shall think proper to see it, That said Wardell agreeable to the Vote of the Town Weighed the Hay at the said Engine & received the whole Profits thereof for seven years which were considerable, notwithstanding he had by his misbehaviour several times during said seven Years Forfeited all right he had to the same, and the Select men did not deprive him of it, that soon after the Expiration of said [24.] Seven Years, the Select men requested of said Wardell to deliver up to 'em said Engine and all thereto belonging agreeable to his obligation, but he absolutely refused it, & Converted it to his own use, thô. he has the assurance in his Petition to assert that the Town has Dispossessed him of it, nor has he made the least satisfaction to the Town therefor, but removed to Roxbury where he Erected an Engine for weighing of Hay. That the Town finding they could not get possession of said Engine & that it was necessary to have one for the weighing of Hay made to do Justice between the Buyer and Seller thereof, Voted, That another should be built for that purpose & pass'd a By-Law for regulating the said Engine, which has been Confirmed by the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, and the same after a long and solemn Debate had on the nineteenth instant, before the Honble. the Justices of the Superiour Court, as to the Validity thereof, determin'd by the whole [25.] Court to be good and Valid, That your Respondents think they can justly Say the Town had no Design or desire to ruin the said Nathl. Wardell or distress him in the least by not appointing him again Weigher of Hay at said Engine, as he several times in his Petition unjustly Insinuates, but have all along used him with great tenderness, thô no Person perhaps that has behaved in the manner he has done has deserved it so little but upon many accounts the Town apprehended the said Nathaniel Wardell to be utterly Disqualified for such a Trust and so Chose a suitable person to take care of their Engine, Weigh the Hay brought there, and do every thing else required by said Law to be done, to be continued in that place during his good behaviour, who has been accordingly sworn and behaves with great fidelity to Seller and Buyer & gives general Satisfaction to all Concerned. And your Respondents humbly Conceive that said Nathaniel Wardell has no better right or [26.] Pretence to weigh the Hay at the Towns Engine during his Life than any other Inhabitant of the Town, nor indeed so good for that he has already by the Towns kindness to him had the whole Profit of it for seven years, the time agreed upon, and has not as he was Obliged delivered up the Engine first Erected, nor any of the materials Utensils or things belonging to it, but put the Town at considerable Expence to Erect another, and above all is a person whom they Judged wholly unfit to be again Entrusted with that Employment, for many reasons they could give this Honourable Court, were it necessary; as the Town of Boston have therefore in Erecting said Engine and pass-

ing said By-Law done nothing but what they had a right to do by the force of the Province Law, as has been determin'd by the Superiour Court, and all required by said Law is for the promoting of Justice. Your respondents therefore pray your [27.] Excellency and Honours will be pleased to Dismiss said Petition as frivolous & Vexatious and give them reasonable Costs. And your Respondents shall ever pray &c.

SELECT MEN.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 2d. 1747.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Belknap
mr. Grant

John Williston being appointed by the old North Church as Sexton and Bellringer there is to have his Pay, for Ringing the Bells from the first instant.

Ordered, That —— a Stranger be sent to the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant [28.] directed to the Constables of Boston, In His-Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the fourteenth Day of March instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Nominate & Choose meet Persons to serve the Town the year ensuing, as Select men, Firewards, Constables and other necessary officers as the Law directs, to Grant such Sums of money as shall be judged needful for the releif of the Poor & defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs; to act upon the List of Jurors; to appoint a Committee to Visit the Schools, To Choose Auditors of the accompts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, to Determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, as also what time the Assessors may [29.] Set to make Abatement of Taxes; To Consider of the Petition of the Church Wardens & Vestry of Kings Chappel for granting 'em a small peice of Land at the East end thereof; of the Petitions of Messrs. Peleg Wiswall, John Lovel, Samuel Gibson, Samuel Holyoke Abia Holbrook and Samuel Holbrook for an addition to their Salarys, of Thomas Johnson for Liberty to Build a Shop on the Towns Land at the head of the Dock, of Samuel Hunstable for an allowance for Ringing the Bell of the Meeting house, at the Westerly part of the Town at the hours of one, Five and Nine o'Clock for One year, of the Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1747. for an addition to the Premium allowed 'em already for collecting said Taxes; of Andw Cunningham & Benjamin Edwards for an Abatement of the Taxes of several Persons committed to them to Collect; Of the Grave Diggers that another Burial place may be provided, also to Consider and Deter-

mine [30.] upon some effectual Method to prevent the pernicious Practice of Forestalling the Market, and the Exorbitant Demand of Country Butchers and others in the price of Provisions, Whether Faneuil Hall Market shall Continue shut up after the third Tuesday of march instant, and what is necessary to be further done for the better Regulation thereof, Whether the Town will Sell the Quit rent due on m^r Frareys Lease, or do any thing concerning the same; Also to receive & Examine the Accompts of the Granary & Determine Whether they will make any addition to their present Stock for Purchasing Grain; Whether they will sell or in what manner Improve a peice of Land near Alexander Hunts by Fort-hill; what will be most for the advantage of the Town, to do with the Dirt in the Streets; upon some method for the more easy supplying the Town with Fuel; Whether the Town will repair their Ware houses, & rebuild Swing bridge, [31.] To Secure the Towns Interest at Windmill point and repair the highway there, & Choose Jurors for April Court; and to Act upon all such other matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 16, 1747.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^r. Middlecott Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
m^r. John Tyng
m^r. Thomas Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk, post up an assize of Bread as the same is now stated for Direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the market, being as follows. Viz^t.

		oz.	dr.
	Of Penny White Loaf	1-	2½
	Wheaten	1-	8½
	Household	2-	3½
[32.]	Six penny White Loaf	7-	
	Wheaten	9-	
	Household	13-	4

Computed at Thirty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat & seven shillings p^r. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p^r. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p^r. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p Bushell for Charges, And the several Bakers within this Town are Ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first Letter of their Christian Names, and with the first and last Letters of their Sirnames and the Clerks of the Market are directed to make allowance for Bisket well Baked.

N.B. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other Person that bakes the like Sort must weigh 8^oz- 8^dr- and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

[33.] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 30th. 1748

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Mr. Jeremiah Allen appeared & informed the Select men that he was willing to undertake the Business of attending Faneuil Hall market in order to receive the moneys arising on the Sale of Provisions there, and do whatsoever else may be thought proper by the Select men in said Business, and was willing to give Security for his Fidelity &c. and propos'd to leave it to the Town or Select men what Consideration or allowance shall be made him for his Trouble in the affair, and mentioned James Allen Esqr. for his Bondsman.

Voted, That Mr. Jeremiah Allen be and hereby is appointed for the purposes aforesaid [34.] During the pleasure of the Select men, and that he give Bond of the Penalty of Seven Thousand Pounds New Tenor, with James Allen Esqr. for his good Behaviour &c.

Mr. Allen gave Bond accordingly, with the said Surety as on File.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 31st. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

The Petition of a Number of the Congregation of Kings Chappel, praying the Select men would call a Town Meeting as soon as conveniently may be for the Grant of a peice of Land at the East end of the said Chappel to Enlarge the same &c. was read [35.] and is as follows, Vizt.

Boston, March 29th. 1748.

Gentle men,

You may remember that at the General Town Meeting of the Inhabitants of Boston the third Tuesday of March instant, we preferr'd a Petition, praying for the Grant of a peice of Land belonging to the Town to the East-ward of Kings Chappel, in order to enlarge the same, and the Town so favourably received it as to appoint a Committee to View the premisses & Report to the Town whether it would be best to grant the same, and they accordingly met, Viewed the Land petitioned for, and heard us upon our Petition and in general apprehend it would be no prejudice to the Town to grant us what we desired, but judged we had not sufficiently Express'd in said Petition, and prefer another, which

by leave of the Town we accordingly did & have now another ready to present to the Town that fully Expresses the Contents [36.] of the Land we desire to have granted us. We would therefore pray you, Gentlemen will be pleased to call a Town Meeting as soon as conveniently may be, in Order to Consider, of our Petition, and we are Sorry we should give the Town this Trouble of having a Meeting on Purpose for this affair but as there is an absolute Necessity for it, said Chappel being much gone to decay, & must be rebuilt or repaired this Summer and materials must soon be provided for it, & were we to tarry till May Meeting it would be too late, We there fore hope you'l grant the request of Gent^{n}. your Hum^{ble}. Servants

———	WILLIAM HUTCHINSON
SHRIMPTON HUTCHINSON	JOHN BOX
JAMES GORDON	CHARLES APTHORP
ROBT. AUCHMUTY	HENRY LLOYD
JOHN GIBBINS	GEORGE CRADOCK
SILV. GARDINER	J. OVERING
POWERS MARIOT	JAMES FORBES
JOHN READ	THOMAS HAWDING

[37.] The Select men taking the same into Consideration and thereupon,

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name requiring them forwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified, rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the fourth day of April next at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then & there to Consider of a Petition of the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of Kings Chappel, for granting them a peice of Land at the East end of said Chappel on part whereof the Latin School now stands, in order to enlarge the same, and also to Consider of the Proposals that may be made by the Petitioners for Purchasing a peice of Land, and Erecting a new School house at their Expense, in Consideration of said Grant.

[38.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 6th. 1748 —

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

The Petition of the Honble Eliakim Hutchinson Esqr. and others a Number of the Congregation of Kings Chappel praying the Selectmen would call a Town Meeting as soon as conveniently may be for the Grant of a peice of Land at the East end of the said Chappel to Enlarge the same &c. as Enter'd the 31st of March last; — Read & the former Order for a Town Meeting be set aside.

Ordered That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town, duly [39.] Qualified rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Ra e (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the eleventh day of April instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Consider what is necessary further to be done for the Regulation of Faneuil Hall Market, Also to consider the petition of the Minister, Church Wardens, & Vestry of Kings Chappel, for granting 'em a peice of Land at the East end of said Chappel, in order to enlarge the same (the Latin School standing on part thereof) and of the Proposals that may be made by the Petitioners for Purchasing a peice of Land, and Erecting a New School house at their Expence, in Consideration of said Grant.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 13th. 1748. ———

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
Deacon Hill

The Lease being Expired of the Towns Land to the [40.] Northward of the North Battery, where mr. Merchants Shipyard now is. Voted, That Capt. Steel be desired to inform mr. Merchant thereof and forbid him putting up any more Building thereon, but forthwith Quit the said Land and Surrender the same up to the Town.

Voted, That mr. Increase Blake (sealer of Weights and measures) be desired to procure Thirty Hundred Weights, & Seal them by the Towns Standard, so as to have them carried up to the Hay market by this seven night, in order to prove the Engine for Weighing of Hay, the next Day at Eleven o'Clock.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 20th. 1748. ———

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

[41.] The Select men this Day, agreed to Sell the Peice of Land, Buildings &c. in Water street, which they were Impowered to do, at the Town Meeting the fourteenth Day of March last, having given publick notice thereof several times in the news papers, & several Persons now attending to Purchase it, it was propos'd to them, that whoever purchased it should pay one Quarter part down, and the other three Quarters on Executing the Deed, — and it was accordingly sold to Capt. John Comrin, (who appeared by mr. Henry Newman) who was the highest bidder for One Thousand and Seventy five Pounds old tenor Bills.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 22d. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

This Day, Charles Apthorp Esqr. Treasurer of [42.] Kings Chappel in Boston, George Cradock, Eliakim Hutchinson Esqr., Dr. John Gibbins, Dr. Silvester Gardiner and mr. Thomas Hawding a Committee of said Chappel, attended the Select men and informed that they were appointed a Committee by the Proprietors &c. of Kings Chappel to wait on the Select men in order to Comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Grant of a peice of Land on part whereof the Latin School now stands, made to the said Chappel by the Town at their Meeting the Eighteenth instant for to Enlarge said Chappel, and presented the Select men with a Vote pass'd by said Proprietors relating to the same, which is as follows, Vizt.

At a Meeting of the Proprietors and Subscribers for rebuilding Kings Chappel in Boston on 22d. April, 1748.

Voted Unanimously. That they Accept of the Towns Land Voted to them on Monday the Eighteenth instant, also Voted, That Charles Apthorp Esqr. Treasurer to the said Subscribers [43.] George Cradock Esqr. Eliakim Hutchinson Esqr. Dr. John Gibbins, Dr. Silvester Gardiner and mr. Thomas Hawding be a Committee and they are hereby impowered to do and Act everything necessary towards Compleating the Agreement between the Select men and the Petitioners of Kings Chappel, relating to said Chappel.

To the Select men of Boston, now sitting at Faneuil Hall.

Pursuant to the above Vote, we the Subscribers do hereby Promise to Comply with, and Execute the Conditions contained in the Vote or Grant of the Town, at their Meeting held on the 18th. day of this instant April in favour of the Petitioners.

Witnes our hands

CHA. APTHORP, Treasurer

April 22d. 1748.

G. CRADDOCK
E. HUTCHINSON
J. GIBBINS
S. GARDINER
T. HAWDING
} Comtee.

[44.] And the Select men upon Considering of said Vote, Apprehended the said Proprietors of Kings Chappel and thereby Accepted said Grant from the Town, and thereupon,

Voted, That the said Acceptance was fully satisfactory to the Select men, they performing the Conditions upon which said Grant was made, as are Expressed in said Town Vote.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 25th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke

John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread, at the Rate of Forty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread [**45.**] Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or Larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	1-	1¾
Wheaten	1-	7½
House hold	2-	2
Six Penny White Loaf	6-	13½
Wheaten	8-	13
House hold	12-	12

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal, & Bread of any other persons that bake the like Sort must weigh Eight Ounces five Drams and larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 30th. 1748.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Tyng
M^{r}. Cooke
Capt Salter
M^{r}. Grant

[**44.**] Charles Apthorp Esqr. & the other Gent^{n}. of the Committee from Kings Chappel, presented to the Select men for the use of the Town of Boston a Deed of a peice of Land in School street in order to build a School house upon, agreeable to a Report of a Committee made to the Town at their meeting the Eighteenth instant, which was accepted to by the Town. And declared that they were ready to proceed and build the said School according to the Vote of the Town, which Deed the Select men have accepted, and directed that the same be put upon Record.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 4th. 1748.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Grant

[**45.**] Mr. John Tyng One of the Select men moved that the following Declaration may be Enterd with their minutes Viz^{t}. on the thirtieth day of April last, Charles Apthrop Esqr. and the other Gentlemen of the Committee from Kings Chappel presented the

Select men of Boston with a Deed of a peice of Land in School street in order to Build a School house upon, agreeable to a Report of a Committee made to the Town at their meeting on the eighteenth of said April by Adjournments, and the Question was ask'd, whether they would accept of their Deed then at that time, said John Tyng did give his Vote (being one of the Select men) against Receiving and Recording the same.

The said Motion being Considered of,

Voted, that the same be Enter'd in their minutes accordingly.

Voted, that the Swing bridge be built in the same place and form that the last was.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston [46.] In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p^r^. Annum of Freehold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the Value of Forty Pounds Sterling, to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Tuesday the tenth day of May instant at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Elect and Depute One or more Persons (being Freeholders & Resident in the Town) according to the Number Set and limited by an Act of the General Assembly to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Conven'd held and kept for his Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty fifth day of said May, and so De Die in Diem during their Session and Sessions, according to a Warrant under the hand & seal [47.] of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sherriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the twenty sixth day of April, in the Twenty-first year of His Majestys Reign anno Domini, 1748.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town, qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to Consider of the Petitions of m^r^. Zachariah Hicks & m^r^. John Procter jun^r^. for an addition to their Salarys; Of the Petition of several Freeholders that the Town would Reconsider their Vote pass'd the 18th. of April last, relating to the acceptance of the Report of a Committee then made for Granting a peice of Land, to the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestry of Kings Chappel; Of the Request of the Committee of the Proprietors of the Long Wharffe or Pier at the lower end of King street, that the Breast Work lately Erected at the End of said Wharffe may be removed; Of the Petition of Thomas Fleet that a small peice of Land in [48.] Water street may be Leased him for a Term not less than Fourteen years; Of the Petition of Joseph White Esqr. and others Collectors of Taxes, for an Abatement of sundry sums Committed to them to Collect, To Grant such Sums of money as may be thought needful for the Releif of the Poor and defreying other necessary Charges; to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several Affairs; to Choose such other Officers as are wanting; and to Act upon all such Matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 11th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Hill

Messrs. Joshua Blanchard & William Fairfield [**49.**] Appeared and Desired that they may have the Liberty of Building of some Tombs in the old Burying place for the accomodation of sundry Inhabitants who are desirous of having them; Ordered, That they Endeavour to get leave of the Relations of those who lay Buried in the said Burying ground, & lay the same before the Select men for their further Consideration.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 30th. 1748.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk, post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty five shillings old tenor pr. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings pr. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

[**50.**] Of Penny White Loaf	0 ,,	15½
Wheaten	1 ,,	5½
House hold	1 ,,	15
Six Penny White Loaf	5 ,,	14
Wheaten	8 ,,	1
House hold	11 ,,	13

N.B. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal and Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh six ounces twelve Drams, and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 22d. 1748.

Present

John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Ordered, That mr. Thomas Bently have the Charge of the Engine kept in a house adjoyning [**51.**] To the Old North Meeting house (in the room of mr. John Brown deced) and he is allowed Eighteen Men besides himself, Vizt.

Thomas Bentley
James Clarke
John Baker
William Stone
Francis Marshall
Timothy Brown
Oliver Luckis

Eleazer Newhall
Daniel Barker
Ebenezer Brown
William Edes
John Ballard
Jonathan Brown
John Clough
Richard Gooding
Elijah Doubledee
John Brown
John Richardson
Samuel Bickner

[52.] And in Case there should happen any Difference at any time among them, that they should want to put out or take in a Man, the said Thomas Bentley that has the Charge of the Engine shall give an account of the same to the Select men for their allowance & Orders for their proceeding, and at any time if a Fire should break out, the said Bentley is Ordered, to Improve the said Engine, where he thinks he may do the most Service and to take Care that at no time the Doors of the Engine house be obstructed by Snow. &c. and to Work the said Engine once every Month from the first of April to the first of October, and to See that the Engine and Pails be kept in good Order, and when at any time it shall happen that anything is out of Order or wanting for the said Engine they apply directly to the Select men for their Direction in the affair and that at all times they bring with them an Ax and Fire hook and Commit the same to the [53.] Charge of two of their Company who shall be appointed to manage the same by the Select men, and in Case either the Hook or Axe be not brought they are not to be Entitled to the Bounty of Five Pounds old tenor as by the Towns Vote.

And for their Care and Diligence in the same, the Inhabitants of the Town at their meeting the —— Day of March 174– have by a Vote freed them from all other offices in the Town, and also granted a Premium of Five Pounds old tenor, to be paid out of Town Treasury to the Engine that shall be first brought to Work at a House or other Building that shall be on Fire.

Voted, that the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town, pursuant to the Vote & Order of the Inhabitants at their meeting the —— of —— last be attended on Tuesday the twenty Eighth day of June Current, and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany the Select men in the said Visitation, Viz^{t}.

[54.] The Honble. John Osborne Esqr.
The Hon. Joseph Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.
The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Hon. William Foye Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Waldo Esqr.
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
The Hon. John Wheelwright Esqr.
Abiel Walley Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.

William Stoddard Esqr.
Charles Apthorp Esqr.
John Erving Esqr.
The Gent^{n}. the Rep^{ves}. of the Town of Boston.
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Thomas Prince
The Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Charles Chauncey
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Mather Byles
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Jeremiah Condy
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Ellis Gray
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Andrew Eliot
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Cooper
m^{r}. Peter Chardon
[55.] m^{r}. Jeremiah Belknap
m^{r}. Jeremiah Allen
m^{r}. James Pitts
m^{r}. William Bowdoin
m^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
m^{r}. Thomas Goodwill

Ordered, That m^{r}. Savell give seasonable notice to the several Gentlemen of this appointment, and that they be desired to meet at Faneuil Hall at nine o'Clock in the morning of said Day, and that he acquaint the several School masters therewith.

Voted, That there be a Dinner for Thirty Gentlemen provided on the Day for Visiting the Schools, and that mess^{rs}. Steel & Salter be desired to see the same provided.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 27th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Hill

[56.] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread, at the Rate of fifty shillings old tenor, pr. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		14¼
Wheaten	1-	3
House hold	1-	11
Six Penny White Loaf	5-	7½
Wheaten	7-	2
House hold	10-	3

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh Six ounces three Drams, and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

[57.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 29. 1748.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

Charles Apthorp Esqr. in the Name of the Committee of Kings Chappel, made an offer to the Select men, that if they would Build the Grammer School, as the same is propos'd for them to Build, he will Pay them or their order Twenty four Hundred Pounds old tenor.

Voted, That a Subscription be put forward in Order to Compleat the same as soon as may be.

The Select men according to Appointment on the twenty eighth day of June instant, Visited the Publick Schools in this Town, accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Viz^{t}.

The Hon^{o}. John Osborne, Joseph Wadsworth, Ezekiel Lewis — Esq^{rs}.

[58.] The Honble. Josiah Willard, William Foye, Samuel Waldo, Andrew Oliver, John Wheelwright — Esq^{rs}.

Joshua Winslow, William Stoddard, Charles Apthorp, John Erving — Esq^{rs}.

The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Prince, m^{r}. Byles, m^{r}. Gray, m^{r}. Eliot, m^{r}. Cooper

m^{r}. Peter Chardon
m^{r}. James Pitts
m^{r}. William Bowdoin
m^{r}. Jeremiah Belknap
m^{r}. Jeremiah Allen
m^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
m^{r}. Thomas Goodwill

and found the South Grammer School, wherein [59.] were One Hundred and Twenty Scholars in very good Order, the South Writing School in the Common wherein were Two Hundred and Seventy Scholars in good Order, the Writing School in Queen street of Fifty seven Scholars in good Order, the north Grammer School of Thirty Eight Scholars in good Order, and the North Writing School wherein were, Two Hundred and Seventy Scholars in good Order.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 11th. 1748

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

The Question being put whether the Select men are willing and Content to receive Twenty [60.] Four Hundred Pounds old tenor as offered by Charles Apthorp Esqr. in behalf of the Committee of King's Chappel, with the Houses now standing on the Land whereon the new Grammer School is to be built and discharge the said Committee from Building said School, and that the Select men will proceed to Erect said School as soon as the Subscription is Compleat in order to finish the said Building without putting the Town to any Charge? the said Question being put, It pass'd in the Negative.

The Question being put, whether the Select men will now Determine that the Town be called together, in order to know if they will accept the aforesaid sum of Twenty four Hundred Pounds old tenor &c. It pass'd on the Negative.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 13th. 1748 —

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
[61.] Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

George Cradock Esqr. Dr. John Gibbins, & Dr. Sylvester Gardiner in behalf of themselves and others, a Committee of Kings Chappel appeared and desired the Opinion of the Select men how far that they had proceeded respecting the money offered by Charles Apthorp Esqr. in lieu of Building the Grammer School as pr. Vote of the Town, They were informed thereof; and then they desired to know the Opinion of the Select men as to the Dimensions of said School, which they by the Vote of the Town are now ready to proceed to Build.

At a Meeting of the Select men. July 20th 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

[62.] The Select men having been desired by the Committee of Kings Chappel as Entred the 13th. instant to inform them what School house they think will be to the satisfaction of the Select men, made Reply, A Brick house of the Dimensions follow-

ing, Vizt. Thirty four feet front towards School street, Thirty six feet deep on the Passage and twelve feet stud, with suitable Doors and Windows and Finished Workmanlike to the acceptance of the Select men with House of Office, Wood house &c.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 25th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifty shillings [63.] old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat Seven shillings p. Bushell on wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread six pence p Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, & on White Bisket two shillings p̄. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	0-	14¼
Wheaten	1-	3
House hold	1-	11
Six penny White Loaf	5-	7½
Wheaten	7-	2
House hold	10-	3

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed One fifth part Indian meal & Bread of any other persons that bake the like Sort must weigh Six Ounces six Drams, and larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 10th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Cooke
mr. Hill

[64.] Whereas messrs. Joshua Blanchard and William Fairfield have desired the Liberty to Build three new Tombs in the old Burying place next mr. Cook's Land, they having the Liberty of the Relations of those Buried where the said Tombs are to be built.

Voted, that Liberty be accordingly granted them, they Building a Wall the breadth of said Tombs as usual and keep the same in repair forever.

Mr. Cooke informs that mr. Thomas Gunter offers to be at the Charge of Digging and Building a Cellar under the new Grammer School house, going to be Erected at his own Cost and Charge and leave it to the Town, at their next general meeting to Consider what time he shall improve it.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 17th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
[65.] Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

mr. Samuel Gibbon for himself, & mr. Edward Baker as Guardian to the Child of Henry Gibbins decēd. having delivered up their Lease of the Salt works on the Neck leading to Roxbury — Ordered that the Town Clerk be desired to take a proper Release thereon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 24th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Katharine Gard a Stranger with her Child was sent to the Almshouse the 22d of this month to be supported at the Charge of the Province.

Judith West a Stranger with her Child [66.] was sent to the Almshouse, the ninth of this month, to be Supported there at the Charge of the Province.

At a meeting of the Honourable his Majestys Justices of the Peace, and the Select men of Boston Aug. —— 1748.

A Ward on Boston Neck upon the Lords Days was then Ordered and appointed from and after the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive, as has been Customary here to fore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, and is in the words following, Vizt.

Boston ss.

To each and every of the Constables of the Town of Boston, Greeting.

Whereas by an Act of the Great & General Court pass'd in the eleventh Year of the Reign of his late Majesty King William III, Entitled an Act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted "That from time to time when and so often as a Military Watch shall not be ordered [67.] and appointed to be kept, the Justices of the Peace, together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered and Authorized to Direct and Order a suitable Watch or Watches to be Set up and kept &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lords Day and other Days as they shall think needful and to appoint the Number whereof such Watch and Ward shall consist, and the time, for the beginning and Continuance of the same, and the Constable or Constables of the Town, having orders accordingly given him or them in writing by the Justices and Select men are thereby impowered and required from time to time to Warn such Watch & Ward respectively and to see that all persons so warned by them do attend and observe their Duty in that Regard." And Whereas the said Justices & Select

men are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lord's Day (especially at this Season of the year) by loose vain persons, Servants Negroes &c. unnecessarily Travelling or Walking to & from Boston, and Roxbury with neglect of attending [**68.**] On the Publick Worship of God in either place, and bringing from the neighbouring Towns, Corn, Apples and other Fruits of the Earth to the great annoyance of the Publick Peace and Scandal of our Christian Profession, It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices & Select men that from and after the date hereof and until the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive, the Constables of and within the Town of Boston and every of them by turns do Warn and appoint eight meet and sober persons, Inhabitants of the said Towns, on the Lords Days to Ward on the Neck or highway between Boston and Roxbury at some convenient place near the Line of Defence Four of the said Persons are to give their attendance there from seven o'Clock in the morning until half an hour after twelve at noon, and there to be relieved by the other Four who are to continue upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening And the Constable or Constables are to take Care in [**69.**] Warning thereof that such Ward do not Consist of all or the greatest part youths but that some able House holders or other sufficient Persons be joined with them, and the said Constables are hereby enjoined to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent and Suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers and restrain them from Disporting, Idle Walking or Unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day, and if any person or persons shall be Rude, Refractory or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the Occasion of their Travelling or otherwise misbehave themselves to take them up and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace, or return their names to such Justice in order to their being Examined and proceeded against according to the nature of their Offence as Prophaners of the Lords day.

Given under our hands and seals the —— Day of August in the Twenty second Year of His Majestys Reign annoq. Domini 1748.

[**70.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Augst. 29th. 1748.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

Mr. Henry Quincy agreed to Hire the lower part of the Towns Warehouse on the Town Dock late in the Occupation of m^{r}. John Dennie at One Hundred & Eighty pounds old tenor p. annum

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a

six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is [71.] Computed as follows, Viz^t.

		oz	dr
of Penny	White Loaf	0-	15½
	Wheaten	1-	5½
	House hold	1-	15
Six Penny	White Loaf	5-	14
	Wheaten	8-	1
	House-hold	11-	13

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other persons that bake the like sort, must weigh six ounces and larger loaves in the same proportion

Boston, Sept. 8, 1748.

Whereas the Petitions of sundry Persons for License to Sell strong Drink, both as Inn holders and Retailers have been presented to the Select men, and at several meetings by them Considered — A List of their names and the street where each person dwells, with the actings of the Select men on said Petitions, is here Recorded as follows, Viz^t.

(No Entries on pages 72 and 73.)

[74.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 16th 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^r. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r. Tyng
m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forth with to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the Twenty first day of September instant, at ten of the Clock in the forenoon, then and there to consider what the Town will further do as to the Regulation of Faneuil Hall Market, and to Choose Jurymen for October Court

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 5, 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill

Voted, That m^rs. Gill & her two Daughters, be sent to the West Indies at the Charge of the Province and that the same be done at the least Expence that may be.

Voted, That m^r Goldthwait be desired to prepare a Release from

m^r Gibbins &c. upon the Lease of the Salt ponds, as Enter'd the 17th. of August last, as soon as may be.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixty shillings old tenor p^r Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p^r. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence p^r. Bushell on Household Bread six pence p^r. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves [76.] allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p^r. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^t.

	oz	dr
Of Penny White Loaf		10
Wheaten	1-	1
House hold	1-	6½
Six Penny White Loaf	4-	8
Wheaten	6-	6
House hold	8-	7

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other Persons that Bake the like Sort must weigh Five Ounces Six Drams, and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 31st. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r. Cooke
m^r. Hill
m^r. Grant

Ordered, That m^r. John Blowers have [77.] the Charge of the Engine kept in a House next to the County Goal in Boston and he is allowed Eighteen men besides himself Viz^t.

John Blowers
Gershom Flagg
James Young
Eliphalet Parker
Isaac Vergoose
John Low
Samuel Bracket
Zephaniah Bassett
Thomas Crafts
Jacob Cheney
Peter Roberts
Stephen Greenleafe
John Ridgaway
William Russell
William Frost
Thomas Brice
James Buck
John Glen
Walter Motley

[78.] And in Case there should happen any Difference at any time among them, that they should want to put out or take in a

Man the said John Blowers that has the Charge of the Engine shall give an account of the same to the Select men for their allowance and Orders for their proceeding and at any time if a Fire should break out, the said Blowers is ordered to Improve the said Engine where he thinks he may do the most Service and to take care that at no time the Doors of the Engine house be Obstructed by Snow &c. and to work the said Engine once every month from the first of April to the first of October, and to See that the Engine & Pails, be kept in good Order and when at any time it shall happen that any thing is out of order or wanting for the said Engine they apply directly to the Select men for their Direction in the affair. and that all Fires they bring with them an Ax & Fire hook & Commit the same to the Charge of two of their [**79.**] Company who shall be appointed to manage the same by the Select men, and in Case either the Hook or Axe be not brought they are not to be Entitled to the Bounty of Five Pounds old tenor as by the Towns Vote.

And for their Care and Diligence in the same, the Inhabitants of the Town at their meeting the —— Day of March 174– have by a Vote free'd them from all other Offices in the Town, and also Granted a Premium of Five Pounds old tenor to be paid out of the Town Treasury to the Engine that shall be first brought to Work at a House or other Building that shall be on Fire.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 28, 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant

Whereas Liberty was granted to mess^{rs}. Joshua Blanchard & William Fairfield on the [**80.**] Tenth of August last, to Build Three Tombs in the Old Burying place, next to m^{r}. Cookes Land and m^{r}. Blanchard being since Dead.

It is allowed that Deacon Jacob Parker be joined with m^{r}. Fairfield in the room of said Blanchard to Build the said Tombs they conforming to the Rules and orders mentioned in the said Vote of the tenth of August last.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 30th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixty shillings old tenor p^{r}. Bushell for Wheat, & Seven shillings p^{r}. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p^{r}. Bushell on House hold Bread, [**81.**] Six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed

for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p^{r}. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vitz^{t}.

	oz	dr
Of Penny White Loaf	-	10
Wheaten	1	1
House hold	1	6½
Six Penny White Loaf	4	8
Wheaten	6	6
House hold	8	7

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal and Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh Five ounces six Drams and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 23^{d}, 1748.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them [82.] Forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. Annum of Free hold in Land, within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the Value of Forty pounds, Sterling, to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twenty sixth day of December instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Consider & Depute a Person if they see Cause (being a Freeholder and Resident in the same Town) to Serve for and Represent them in the Great & General Court or Assembly in their Session or Sessions the present Year in the room of James Allen Esqr; who for his Contempt of the orders of the Honourable House of Representatives was Expelled that House.

And alike requiring them the Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town Qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to Choose [83.] One or more Collectors of the Taxes in the room of such persons as were Chose in March last and refuse to Serve, and also to Choose Jurors for January Court.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 26. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread, at the rate of Sixty shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for

Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p^{r}. Bushell [**84.**] for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf		10
	Wheaten	1 -	1
	Household	1 -	6½
Six Penny	White Loaf	4 -	8
	Wheaten	6 -	6
	House hold	8 -	7

N.B. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal and Bread of any other Person that bakes the like Sort must weigh Five Ounces six Drams, and larger Loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 28th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

Messrs. William and Edward Page have this [**85.**] Day agreed with the Select men, to Build one Ship more on the North Battery ground, their time to Commence from the first day of October last, at Six Pounds old tenor p. Month, and to deliver up the same unto the Select men or their Order on or before the first day of July next ensuing, or Pay a Fine of one Thousand Pounds old tenor, and they are not to lay any Ship or Vessell against the Battery, nor Grave any vessell on the Flatts near the same.

The Several Collectors of Taxes for the year 1748 appeared and proposed the following Persons for their Bondsmen, Viz^{t}.

Captain Benjamin Edwards offered for his Bondsmen, William Stoddard Esqr. & m^{r}. Isaac White.

Deacon William Larrabee offers Deacon Edward Procter & m^{r}. Francis Richey, for his Bondsmen, who were approved.

M^{r}. John Ruddock offers Capt. Nat. Greenwood & m^{r}. Samuel Holland for his Bondsmen who were approved of.

M^{r}. Hopestill Foster, offers Messrs. Thomas Foster [**86.**] And Unite Moseley for his Bondsmen who were approved of.

M^{r}. John Grant offers mess^{rs}. Samuel Grant and Joseph Grant Junr. for his Bondsmen who were approved of.

M^{r}. John Staniford offers William Stoddard Esqr. & m^{r}. Tim^{o}. Newell for his Bondsmen.

M^{r}. Harrison Gray, Appeared & Agreed to keep the Town's Warehouse now in his possession at the Rate of One hundred and Eighty pounds old tenor p. annum, to Commence the first day of September last, to be paid by the half Year.

Voted and Ordered That Isaac Peirce be and hereby is appointed to take the Charge and Care of the North Burying place in the room and stead of Jabez Tuttle and the said Peirce is to be allowed, for Digging each Grave for a man or woman Twenty

shillings old tenor, & for Children ten shillings and no more, and to Conform strictly to these Allowances [**87.**] until the Select men shall order otherwise.

Voted, That the Grave Diggers in the South Burying places be Allowed for Digging a Grave for a man or Woman Sixteen Shillings old tenor, for Children Eight shillings, and for a Negro Man or Woman —— Shillings.

At a Meeting of the Select men, January 11th. 1748 —

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Voted, That the Town Clerk be directed to write a Letter to Christopher Kilby and Eliakim Palmer Esqr, Agents for the Town of Boston in London to send the Select men an account of the Three Hundred Pounds Sterling, which they received of messrs. Storke & Son, by virtue of a Bill of Exchange from Andrew Oliver Esqr. and that he write Duplicates of the said Letter [**88.**] And Direct one to mr. Kilby, and the other to mr. Palmer.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Janry 30th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant

Mr. James Hamilton Appeared & Offered to take care of the Province Hospital on Rains fords Island.

Voted, That the Consideration thereof be refer'd to next Wednesday.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixty shillings old tenor pr. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings pr. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on Household Bread. Six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings [**89.**] p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		10
Wheaten	1	1
Household	1	6½
Six Penny White Loaf	4	8
Wheaten	6	6
Household	8	7

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal & Bread of any other persons that bake the like sort must weigh Five Ounces six Drams and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Honourable his Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twenty sixth of February A. D. 1748.

Present

The Hon°. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.
Joshua Cheever Esqr.

Justices of the Peace.

[90.] Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^r. Middlecott Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. William Salter
m^r. John Tyng
m^r. Samuel Grant
m^r. Thomas Hill

Select men

John Hill Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
M^r. Ebenezer Storer

Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then Agreed upon to be attended upon Wednesday the fifteenth day of February instant, at nine o'Clock in the morning, if the Weather be fair, if not then on Friday following, the seventeenth instant, and it is also Agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock in the Evening of said Day of Visitation to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^t.

[91.] Ward, Number One

The Hon°. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
M^r. Ebenezer Storer
M^r. Samuel Grant
M^r. Samuel Hunt
M^r. John Grant
M^r. John Clough, Constable

Ward, Number two

John Fayerweather Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
M^r. John Barrett
Capt. John Goldthwait
M^r. John Ruddock
M^r. Thomas Edes, Constable

Ward, Number Three

Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Henry Atkins Esqr.
M^r. Isaac Walker
M^r. William Larrabee
M^r. John Tudor
M^r. Benjamin Andrews, Constable

[92.] Ward, Number Four

William Tyler Esqr.

Jacob Royall Esqr.
M^{r}. William Fairfield
M^{r}. Edward Langdon
M^{r}. John Scollay
M^{r}. Robert Ford, Constable
Ward, Number Five
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Clark Esqr.
Capt. Daniel Pecker
M^{r}. John Staniford
M^{r}. Henry Newman
M^{r}. Nathaniel Procter, Constable
Ward, Number Six
The Hon^{o}. John Jeffries Esqr.
Williams Stoddard Esqr.
Cornelius Waldo Esqr.
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
m^{r}. John Tyng
m^{r}. James Pitts
m^{r}. Augustus Hail, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
[93.] John Phillips Esqr.
M^{r}. Peter Chardon
Capt. Henry Berry
M^{r}. Jacob Parker
M^{r}. John Simpson
M^{r}. John Southack, Constable
Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
William Downe Esqr.
M^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
M^{r}. Joseph Jackson
M^{r}. William Wait Wallis, Constable
Ward, Number Nine
The Hon^{o}. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
John Erving Esqr.
Capt. Nathl. Barber
Capt. Benj^{a}. Edwards
M^{r}. William Nichols, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
[94.] The Hon^{o}. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Jeremiah Green Esqr.
Timothy Prout Esqr.
m^{r}. William Bowdoin
Capt. Samuel Hewes
M^{r}. William Muckleroy, Constable.
Ward, Number Eleven
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Capt. William Salter

m^{r}. Thomas Oxnard
m^{r}. Stephen Greenleafe
m^{r}. Thomas Flucker
m^{r}. Rufus Greene
m^{r}. Thomas Ethridge, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon^{o}. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^{r}. Thomas Hill
m^{r}. Hopestill Foster
m^{r}. Thomas Foster
m^{r}. William Wheeler Constable

[**95.**] And the Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above Orders or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Febry. 15, 1748.
Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r} Tyng.
m^{r}. Grant

Mr. John Earle Master of one of the North Engines informs that Thomas Hutchinson Esqr. desires that the said Engine which now stands on his Land may be removed & that the same may be well accomodated on the Land belonging to m^{r}. Webb's Church, near the Watch house, and that the Committee of the said Church are willing to place it there if the Select men desire it.

[**96.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Febry 22^{d}. 1748.
Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Tyng
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

Sophia Knot a Singlewoman appeared and informed that she Came from Louisbourg the beginning of January last in one Capt. Cole, that she was warned out of this Town the 18th. of January and then went to Roxbury where she lives at one m^{r}. Clarke's, that she is now with Child but is warned by the Select men of Roxbury to depart that Town, and it appearing that she is not an Inhabitant of this Town or any other in this Province, it's, apprehended that the Charges for her Support (if any there should be) must be paid by the Province but that this Town are answerable to the Town of Roxbury therefor.

[**97.**] Voted, That the Select men write a Letter, to the Select men of Roxbury, to Indemnify that Town from any Charge that may arise on said Sophia to the first of June next, and a Letter was sent accordingly.

The Select men Agreed with James Hamilton of Boston to take the Charge of the Province Hospital at Rainsfords Island, he to

have One Hundred Pounds old tenor p. annum and be allowed seven Cord of Wood, a year, to go on to the Island the twenty fifth of march next.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 27th. 1748

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixty Shillings [98.] Old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, & on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges which is Computed as follows Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf		10
Wheaten	1-	1
House hold	1-	6½
Six Penny White Loaf	4-	8
Wheaten	6-	6
House hold	8-	7

NB. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings Brown Bread, that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh Five Ounces Six Drams and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

[99.] At a Meeting of the Select men, March 1st. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr Hill

Voted, That the Select men meet on Monday next at Four o'Clock in the forenoon, in order to make out the Warrant for fhe annual Town Meeting on March instant.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 6th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
mr. Tyng
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Dr. Sylvester Gardiner & mr. Thomas Hawding [100.] Two of the Committee for Kings Chappell attended the Select men on the

first instant, and informed that they were desired by said Committee to Let them know that the School house by them Erected on the South Side of School street on the Land by them Purchased of Richard Saltonstall Esq. and Mary his Wife, and for which they gave a Deed to the Select men for the use of the Town of Boston in April last, is now finished as they apprehend in such a manner as is required by the Vote of the Town, desiring the Select men to view said School, and if they Judge it is finished to accept thereof for the use of the Town, and accordingly on Friday last, m^r^. Hancock, m^r^. Cooke, Capt. Salter, m^r^. Grant and m^r^. Hill went to said School, and there met D^r^. Gibbins, D^r^. Gardiner and m^r^. Hawding Comt^ee^. &c. and fully Viewed said School and think the same is Compleatly finished according to the Vote of the Town in April [**101.**] Last, and that the same ought to be accepted by the Town, and now a Question being put, whether the Select men will accept of said School for the use of the Town.

Voted in the affirmative, & that the Selectmen accordingly give them a Deed of the Lands granted to the said Chapel in April last.

John Tyng Disagreeing the acceptance of the School not having Viewed the same, & Disagrees giving a Deed.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town duly qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall, on Monday the thirteenth day of March instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to Nominate & Choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing as Select men, Town Clerk [**102.**] Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables and other necessary Officers as the Law directs, to Grant such Grants of money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the Poor and defreying other necessary Charges, to Receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several affairs To act upon the List of Jurors to appoint a Committee to Visit the Schools, To Choose Auditors of the Accounts of the Town Treasurer & Overseers of the Poor; to determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, as also what time the assessors may set to make Abatement of Taxes; to Receive and Examine the accompts of the Granary, and Consider of the Petition of m^r^. John Fenno, keeper thereof for an addition to his Salary; of the Petition of Joseph White Esqr. for Erecting an Engine near the North Market for weighing of Hay brought by Water; Whether Faneuil Hall market shall be continued to be opened [**103.**] after the second Day of april next, and what is necessary to be further done, for the better regulation thereof, What Method is best for the Town to take to Improve the Lands and Salt ponds on the Neck; Where the Stalls and Fish Market on Scarlets Wharffe shall be Fixed, and what is best to be done with the Towns Lands and Buildings at the head of the Town Dock formerly Leased to m^r^ John Dolbeare & Thomas Hubbard Esq. whose term therein is Expired, to choose jurors for April Court, and to act upon all such other matters and things as stand referr'd over to this Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 10th. 1748.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Hill

George Cradock, Charles Apthorp Esq. & Dr. Sylvester Gardiner, Three of the Committee [**104.**] Of Kings Chappel attended the Select men, and informed them that they had prepared a Deed of the several Peices of Land, and Priviledge Granted to the said Chappel by the Town on the Eighteenth of April last, & desired the Select men to Execute the same, which Deed the Select men perused and Apprehend the same is drawn agreeable to the Vote of the Town and all the Select men (except mr. John Tyng) Signed Sealed and acknowledged said Deed & then Delivered it to said Committee.

Note, mr. John Tyng not being present was sent for and informed that the Select men desired he would come & Execute said Deed with them, but he answered mr. Savell, that he was busy, that the Select men knew his mind about it, that he would not sign said Deed, till the Articles were Complied with.

Memo. The said Committee at signing said Deed, promised the Select men, [**105.**] that when they removed the Dead, they would send for the Selectmen, and not remove them but by their Directions, tho' they have obtained Liberty from the Relatives of the Deceased to remove them, as appears by a Writing under such Relatives hands.

At a Meeting of the Select men March 15th. 1748

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. William Salter
mr. Samuel Grant
mr. Thomas Hill
mr. John Gardner

The Revd mr. Andrew Le Mercier appeared & desired to have the Liberty for the French Congregation which are at present but small, to meet in the South Grammer School in Order for carrying on the Publick Worship on the Lords Days, as they are deprived of a place to meet in at present.

[**106.**] Voted, That Liberty be Granted for them to Meet in the said School house accordingly

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 22d 1748.

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant

m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

James Ramsey who came into this Town with Capt. Inches, being Lame having Froze his Feet in the Passage and not able to Support himself, was sent to the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province.

The Select men and m^{r}. James Hamilton Interchangeably Signed an Agreement for keeping the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island the 17th. of March instant and is as follows, Viz^{t}.

[**107.**] Boston, March 17. 1748.

Whereas the Great and General Court at their Session the 8th. of February 1748, did by their Order Authorize and Improve the Select men of Boston, to agree with some suitable Person to keep the Hospital lately built by Order of the said Court at Rainsfords Island for the Reception of Sick and Infectious Persons and for their time & service in taking Care of the Sick &c. who may be sent to the said Hospital by the Year.

Pursuant to the said Order the Select men have this Day agreed with m^{r}. James Hamilton to keep the Province Hospital on Rainsfords Island accordingly, who is to take care all proper Care of such sick Persons as may from time to time be sent to the said Hospital, finding and providing Nurses, Assistance and all things necessary for their Comfort and Relief, the Charge thereof to be born by the said Persons themselves if they are able, or if Poor & Indigent [**108.**] Then at the immediate Charge of the Province as the same shall be Settled and Adjusted by the Select men for the time being or a Major part of them and to follow the Orders of the Select men, respecting Persons (and Goods) coming on or going off the said Island, and he is not to take off, or suffer to be taken off, from the said Island any Stones or Ballast whatsoever without first having Liberty from the Select men. In Consideration where of he the said Hamilton is to have the use and Improvement of the said Island and Housing thereon for one year commencing the twentieth day of March instant, and to be allowed and paid out of the Province Treasury the sum of Twenty five Pounds in good Bills of Credit of this Province of the last tenor, and also to be allowed seven Cord of Wood, and is also Entitled as by Law is provided to Demand and receive [**109.**] Pay from such sick Persons as may from time to time be sent thither as aforesaid for his attendance and Expences on them during their being at the said Hospital, and it is further agreed that the Select men shall and will Afford their assistance to the said Hamilton in the premises from time to time as need shall require. In Witness whereof the said Select men and said James Hamilton have here unto set their hands the Day first herein mentioned.

Witness
Ezek^{l}. Goldthwait

Thomas Hancock
Middlecott Cooke
John Steel
William Salter
Samuel Grant
Thomas Hill
John Gardner
} Selectmen

James Hamilton

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 27th 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
[110.] mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread as the same is now Stated for Direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the Market being as follows, Vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf		10
	Wheaten	1-	1
	House hold	1-	6½
Six Penny	White Loaf	4-	8
	Wheaten	6-	6
	House hold	8-	7

Computed at Sixty Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence pr. Bushell on House hold Bread, Six pence pr. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves [111.] allowed for Charges and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first Letter of their Christian Names and with the first and last Letters of their Sirnames, and the Clerks of the Market are directed to make an allowance for Bisket well Bakèd.

N.B. A six penny Loaf of Major Thwings brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal and Bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh Five Pounds Six Ounces and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 29th. 1749

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Hill
mr. Cooke
mr. Grant
mr. Gardner

The Select men agreed with mr. John [112.] Rouleston to Allow him Thirty five Pounds old tenor bills p. annum for his trouble in ringing the Market Bell at the Opening & Shutting up of the Market every Day, and sweeping out the House, Three Times a Week.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 13th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.

Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Colo. Jacob Wendell appeared and proposed to Build a Brick Wall on the Bounds between the New School house Yard, & his Land from the said School house to the street at his own Charge, which was Consented to by the Select men.

[**113.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 19th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Mr. Edward Cheever from Lynn appeared and desired to be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town, and Informs that he shall bring with him to the Value of Twelve Hundred Pounds old tenor and also offers for his Security to Indemnify the Town from any Charge, mr. Thomas Cheever his Father and his Brother mr. Joshua Cheever both of Lynn.

Mr. Cheever also presented a Petition to the Select men praying Liberty to Open a School in this Town to Teach Youth the Latin Tongue to Read, Write and Cyper.

Thomas Hubbard Esqr. whose Lease [**114.**] of his Shop at the head of the Town Dock expired the first of January last, appeared and informed the Select men that he was ready to join with them in the Choice of Five Persons to Value the said Shop, according to the said Lease & After Consideration thereof.

It was Agreed by the Select men & Said Hubbard that the same be apprized by the following Gentlemen who are Free holders and Indifferent Persons Vizt. messrs. Onesiphorus Tileston and John Kneeland nominated by said Hubbard, & Capt. John Indicott & mr. William Fairfield nominated by the Select men, and mr. Thomas Greene by both Partys, and it is agreed that the same be Viewed and Apprized on Monday next at nine o'Clock in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 24th. 1749.—

Present
mr. Cooke
[**115.**] John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Sixty shillings old tenor pr. Bushell for wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny White Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges,

and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		10
Wheaten	1-	1
House hold	1-	6½
Six Penny White Loaf	4-	8
Wheaten	6-	6
House hold	8-	7

N.B. A Six Penny Loaf of Major Thwings Brown Bread that does not exceed one [**116.**] Fifth part Indian Meal and bread of any other person that bakes the like Sort must weigh Five ounces Ten Drams and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 26th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

The Select men received the following Order which pass'd the Great and General Court for Building an Additional Wharffe upon Rainsfords Island in answer to their Petition Viz^{t}.

On the Petition of the Select men of the Town of Boston.

In the House of Rep^{ves}. April 22^{d}. 1749.

Read & Ordered, That the Select men of the [**117.**] Town of Boston be directed in the Cheapest manner to cause to be built upon Rainsfords Island another Peice of Wharffe of Twenty feet Square and Fourteen feet high in the front at about Twenty feet distance from the present Wharffe, to have a Communication therewith by a Bridge of Timber or Plank on the Top leaving it hollow below that the Gravel may pass thro. and that they oblige the Keeper of the Hospital to keep his Passage as well as the head of the Wharffe continually clean & clear.

Ordered, Also that the said Select men be directed to make the necessary Repairs on the House and Barn on the said Island.

Sent up for Concurrence
T. HUTCHINSON, Spk^{r}.

In Council April 22^{d}. 1749. Read & Concurr'd
J. WILLARD, Secry.

Consented to,
W. Shirley

Copy Examined; p. J. Willard Secry

[**118.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 3^{d}. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter

m^r. Grant
m^r. Gardner

Charles Athorp Esqr. appeared in behalf of the Committee of Kings Chappel, and informed the Select men that every thing was Compleated at the new School house by them Built for the use of the Town, and therefore desired that the Scholars may be removed out of the old School-house, into the New, that so the said Committee may go to Work in laying the Foundation of their Church.

Agreeable to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting in March last, the Select men in Conjunction with Thomas Hubbard Esq. made Choice of the several Persons [**119.**] Following to Value the Warehouse in the present occupation of the said Hubbard, at the head of the Town Dock, his Lease thereof being expired, Viz^t. mess^rs. John Indicott, William Fairfield, Thomas Greene, John Kneeland, and Onesiphorus Tileston, who having attended that Service made Report in the words following, Viz^t.

Boston, April 29th. 1749.

We the Subscribers being desired by the Select men of the Town of Boston & Thomas Hubbard Esqr. to Value the Ware house in the present occupation of said Hubbard, which the Town of Boston are to pay said Hubbard for, are of Opinion that the Town ought to pay to the said Hubbard Twenty one Hundred and Sixty Pounds old tenor in full for the value of said Building; We having first deducted out of the Value the Thirty pounds formerly paid to said Hubbard for part of a Wall on the North side as

[**120.**] Witness our hands

JOHN INDICOTT
WILLIAM FAIRFIELD
JOHN KNEELAND
THOMAS GREENE
ONESIPHORUS TILESTON

Voted, That m^r. Lovell, Master of the South Grammer School, be directed to remove his Scholars into the New School house, on Monday morning next being the Eighth of May instant.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shilling p. annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Tuesday the ninth [**121.**] Day of May instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Elect and Depute one or more Persons (being Free holders and Resident in the Town) according to the Number Set and Limited by an Act of the General assembly, to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majestys Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the thirty first day of said May and so De Die in Diem during their Session and Sessions according to a Warrant under the hand & seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sherriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the twenty ninth day of

April, In the Twenty second year of His Majestys Reign, anno Domini, 1749.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to Consider of the Petition of m^r^. Thomas Gunter for a Lease of [**122.**] the Cellar under the new South Grammer School for such a Term as the Town shall think proper in Consideration of the Expence he has been at for Building the Cellar, of the Petition of m^r^. Thomas Greene and others that the Gun house in the Common may be Removed ; Of the Petition of m^r^ John Lovell that a suitable allowance may be made him for his Support as Master of the South Grammer School, Whether the Town will Continue the Salarys of the other School Masters at the same Rate as they were Voted the last year of the request of sundry Inhabitants that the Pavement leading to the Church in Brattle street may be Repaired, Whether it be practicable for the Inhabitants to form a List of the Valuation of their Estates, agreeable to the late Act of the Province ; what is best to be done with the several Law Suits now depending between the Town and m^r^. Edward Bromfield and [**123.**] Others concerning Olivers Dock ; to Grant such Sums of money as may be thought needful for the Releif of the Poor, & defreying other necessary Charges ; To Receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several affairs, to choose such officers as are wanting, To Act upon the List of Jurors, and also all such matters and Things as stand refer'd over to said meeting.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifty five shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p^r^. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger Loaves allowed for Charges and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is computed as follows, Viz^t^.

		oz.	dr.
	Of Penny White Loaf		13
	Wheaten	1-	3
	House hold	1-	10
[**124.**]	Six Penny White Loaf	5-	
	Wheaten	7-	2
	House hold	9-	12

NB. A six Penny Loaf of Major Thwings Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal and Bread of any other Person, that bakes the like Sort must weigh Six ounces Five Drams, and larger loaves in the same proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 8th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^r^. Cooke
m^r^. Capt. Salter
m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Gardner

The Select men this Day waited on Thomas Hubbard Esqr. who gave the Town Possession of the Ware house and Premisses at the head of the Town Dock now in his occupation by delivering the Keys to the Select men.

[**125.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 17th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Gardner

Andrew Oliver Esqr. appeared & presented a Petition for Liberty to Build with Timber and Cover with Shingles, a Shed of about Seventy feet in length and from Twenty to Twenty four feet wide and twelve feet stud on his Wharffe at Olivers Dock, in the place where his Ware house was lately Burnt down, and produced a Certificate from John Wheelwright Esqr. who is next adjoyning that he is consenting thereto.

Voted, That Liberty be granted according to said Petition.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Fifty [**126.**] Eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges and on white Bisket two Shillings p^{r}. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		12¼
Wheaten	1-	1¾
House hold	1-	8
Six Penny White Loaf	4-	11½
Wheaten	6-	10½
Household	9-	

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Major Thwings Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal and Bread of any other Person that Bakes the like sort must weigh Five ounces Twelve Drams & larger loaves in the same Proportion.

[**127.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 24th. 1749.

Present
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Gardner

Mr. John Earle Master of one of the North Engines appeared and renewed his request that the said Engine may be removed to the Land belonging to m^{r}. Webbs Meeting house as Enter'd the 15th. of February last.

Mr. John Leach appeared and renews his request for Liberty

to open a School in this Town to teach the Art of Navagation and other Branches of the Mathematicks.

Voted, That Liberty be granted him accordingly, he Conforming to the Laws and Rules of the Town.

Mr. Edward Cheever from Lynn renews his request to be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town and to have the Liberty to open a School as Entred the 19th. of April last.

[128.] Voted, That he be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town accordingly, and have Liberty to keep a School to Teach Children to Read in the English Tongue.

Thomas Hancock & Henry Atkins Esqr. & messrs. Matchit & Pritchet presented a Petition praying Liberty to Build a Row of Ware houses with Wood on the north side of Clarkes Wharffe at the Northend of One hundred and Sixty feet in length, Eighteen feet wide, and fourteen feet and a half stud, which will not be near any other building.

Voted, that Liberty be granted accordingly.

Sarah Ross a Poor Sick Woman was sent Yesterday to the Almshouse to be Supported at the Charge of the Province she being a stranger, and no Inhabitant of this Town.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 7th. 1749

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.

[129.] mr. Cooke

John Steel Esqr.

mr. Grant

mr. Hill

mr. Gardner.

Voted, That Copys of a Letter be sent to Christopher Kilby and Eliakim Palmer Esqrs; Agents for the Town in London, which was forwarded to them some time ago, relating to the money advanced for the use of the Town in carrying on the Law Suit relating to the Town Dock.

The Select men agreed with Mr. Thomas March to send for Timber of a suitable length & Biggness for to Build a wharffe at Rainsfords Island, according to the Vote of the General Court as enter'd the 26th of April last, he to do & Perform the said Work, Workmanlike finding Suitable help and all necessarys therefor, except Timber Stones and Plank for the Sum of Two Hundred Pounds old tenor.

[130.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 14th. 1749.

Present

John Steel Esqr.

mr. Grant

mr. Hill

mr. Gardner

Mary Ray a Soldier's Wife & her female Child Ann, who were brought from Cape Breton by Robert White a Coaster about Ten Days past, were sent to the Almshouse the 12th instant by Colo. John Hill one of the Overseers of the Poor, Recommended by messrs.

Salter & Hill Select men to be Supported there at the Charge of the Province.

The Select men this Day Discharged the House belonging to the Heirs of M^{r}. Ebenezer Clough Blacksmith decēd, at the Westerly part of the Town, which the Select men hired about Fifteen years ago for an Hospital and delivered the Key to the widow Clough, now owner of the said House in the presence of Col^{o}. John Hill & Deacon William Larrabee [**131.**] and then promised her to put the said House in repair according to strict Justice, and pay her the Rent to this Day.

At a meeting of the Select men, June the 16th. 1749.
Present
Capt. Salter.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Fifty shillings old tenor p^{r}. Bushell for Wheat & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny White Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - -		14¼
	Wheaten - - - - - - -	1-	3
	Household - - - - - - -	1-	11
[**132.**]	Six Penny White Loaf - - - - - -	5-	7½
	Wheaten - - - - - - -	7-	2
	Household - - - - - -	10-	3

N. B. a Six penny Loaf of Major Thwing's brown bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal & bread of any other person; that bakes the like Sort must weigh Six ounces Six Drams and larger loaves in the same Proportion.

Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town pursuant to the Vote and Order of the Inhabitants at their meeting the Ninth of May last, be attended on Friday the twenty third day of June Current, and that the following gentlemen be desired to accompany the Select men in the said Visitation, vizt.

The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esq.
The Hon. Sam. Danforth Esq.
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esq.
The Hon. Thomas Hutchinson Esq.
The Rev^{d}. Dr. Joseph Sewall
[**133.**] The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. William Welsteed
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley Junr.
m^{r}. Edmund Quincy
m^{r}. Thomas Greene
D^{r}. Silvester Gardner

Ordered, that m^{r}. Savell give seasonable notice to the several Gentlemen of this appointment and that they be desired to meet at

Faneuil Hall at nine o'Clock in the morning of said Day, and that he acquaint the several School masters therewith.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 21st. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Gardner

Messrs. William & Edward Page, who hired the North Battery wharff appeared and [**134.**] Informed that they had now Launched the Ship they had set up, on the said wharffe, and desire to hire the same for a further time if it be to be let again for the same use, and if not they will remove their Stuff as soon as the Select men order.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 26th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cook.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Sophia Knot with her Child being returned from Roxbury as Entred the twenty second of February last were sent to the Almshouse to be Supported there at the Charge of the Province, she not being an Inhabitant of this Town or any other in this Province.

The Select men according to appointment [**135.**] On the Twenty third day of June instant Visited the Publick Schools in the Town accompanied by the following Gentlemen Vizt

The Hon Jacob Wendell
Saml Danforth
Andw Oliver
Thos Hutchinson
} Esqs.
The Revd. Dr Joseph Sewall
mr William Weelsteed
mr. Samuel Mather
mr Samuel Checkley Junr.
mr Edmund Quincy
mr Thomas Greene
Dr. Sylvester Gardiner

and found that in the South Grammer School there were One Hundred and Twenty Scholars, in the South Writing School two Hundred and Seventy eight Scholars, in the Writing School in Queen street Seventy-two Scholars, in the North Grammer School Forty five Scholars, in the North Writing [**136.**] School Two Hundred & Fifty Scholars, all in very good order.

At a Meeting of the Select men July 19th 1749. ——

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Charles Apthorp Esqr. one of the Committee of Kings Chappel appeared and informed the Select men that they were now Digging of the Trenches for the Foundation of their Church, and desire that the Selectmen will see the remains of several of the Dead Bodys removed.

Voted, That mr. Williston be directed to Attend that Service & to acquaint the several Relations of the Deceased, as Occasion offers, and when no Relations are to be found to inform the Select men of the same.

[137.] Deacon Jacob Parker and mr. Fairfield appeared and desired Liberty to Build a Line of Tombs in the old Burying place next to mr. Cooke's Land on the same Terms that were granted for three new Tombs the 10th of August last.

Voted, That Liberty be granted them accordingly, on the same terms that the said three Tombs were allowed to be Built.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty-five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and Seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Vizt.

	oz.	dr.
of Penny White Loaf - - - - - - -		15½
Wheaten - - - - - -	1-	5½
Household - - - - -	1-	15
Six Penny White Loaf - - - - -	6-	1
Wheaten - - - - -	8-	1
House hold - - - - -	11-	13

N.B. a six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part of Indian meal must weigh Six Ounces twelve Drams and larger Loaves of the like sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men Aug 3rd. 1749. ——

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
mr. Grant
mr. Gardner

Voted, That mr. Hancock be desired to speak to some Suitable Person to make a new pair of Stocks the old ones being quite decayed.

At a Meeting of the Select men Aug 9th. 1749.——
Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
[139.] mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread, at the Rate of Forty-five shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three Shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two Shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf - - - - - - -	- -	15½
	Wheaten - - - - - -	1-	5½
	House hold - - - - - -	1-	15
Six Penny	White Loaf - - - - -	6-	1
	Wheaten - - - - - -	8-	1
	House hold - - - - - -	11-	13

N.B. A six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian meal, must weigh Six ounces twelve Drams, & [140.] Larger Loaves of the like sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, and the Select men of Boston Aug. —— 1749.

A Ward upon Boston neck upon the Lords Days was then Ordered & appointed from and after the date hereof, until the —— Day of October next ensuing, inclusive, as has been Customary heretofore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, and is in the Words following, Vizt.

Boston ss. To each and every of the Constables of the Town of Boston.

Greeting

Whereas by an Act of the Great and General Court or Assembly pass'd in the Eleventh year of the Reign of his majesty King William the III, Enitled an Act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted, "That from time to time when and so often as a Military Watch shall not [141.] Be Ordered and Appointed to be kept, the Justice of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered and Authorized to Direct and Order a Suitable Watch or Watches to be Set up and kept &c. and also a Warde to be kept every Lords Day and other Days as they shall think needful and to appoint the Number whereof such Watch & Ward shall consist and the time for the beginning and continuance of the same, the Constable or Constables of the Town having orders accordingly given him or them in writing by the Justices and Select men, are thereby impowered and required from time to time to Warn such Watch & Ward respectively and to See that all Persons so Warned by them do attend and observe their Duty in that Regard." And whereas the said Justices and Selectmen are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lord's Day

(especially at this Season of [**142.**] The year) by loose Vain Persons, Servants, Negroes &c. Unnecessarily Travelling or Walking, to and from Boston & Roxbury with neglect of attending on the Public Worship of God, in either place, and bringing from the neighbouring Towns, Corn, Apples and other Fruits of the Earth to the great Disturbance of the Publick Peace and Scandal of our Christian Profession. It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices and Select men, that from & after the date hereof and until the —— Day of October next ensuing inclusive, the Constables of and within the Town of Boston and every of them by turns do Warn and appoint eight meet and sober Persons, Inhabitants of the said Town on the Lords Day do Ward on the Neck or highway between Boston and Roxbury at some convenient place near the Line of Defence, Four of the said Persons are to give [**143.**] their attendance there from Seven o'Clock in the morning until half an hour after twelve at Noon, and there to be releived by the other Four, who are to Continue there upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening, and the Constable or Constables are to take Care that in naming thereof that such Ward do not Consist of all or the greatest part Youths, but that some able House holders or other sufficient Persons be joined with them, and the said Constables are hereby enjoined to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent & Suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers and restrain them from Disporting, Idle Walking or Unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day, and if any Person or Persons be Rude, Refractory, or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the Occasion of their Travelling, or otherwise Misbehave themselves to take them up and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace, or return their names to such Justice in order to their being [**144.**] Examined and Proceeded against according to the Nature of their offence as Prophaners of the Lords Day. Given under our hands and seals at Boston the —— Day of August, in the twenty third Year of His Majestys Reign, Anno que Domini, 1749.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, Aug. 27. 1749.

Present
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

The Select men Agreed with Thomas Hubbard Esq. about the Ware house by him Built at the head of the Town Dock as follows, Viz^{t}. That he should have the use and improvement of the same for the Term of Fifteen Years Commencing from the first Day of January A. D. 1748. in Lieu of the Sum Ordered to be paid [**145.**] Him, by the Report of the Referees as Entred the 3^{d} of May last, he to keep the same in good Repair during the said term, and at the End and Expiration thereof to deliver up the same in the same good Repair.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug. 31st. 1749.
Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Mr. Samuel Hunt desires Liberty to Build a Tomb in the North Burying place adjoyning to mr. Richard Hunnewell's lately decēd at the End of the Line of Tombs on the Top of the Hill running towards Charlestown

Voted, That Liberty be Granted him accordingly, he Building a sufficient Brick Wall the wedth of the same, & keep the same in good repair forever.

[**146.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 4th. 1749.
Present
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Mr. Gardner

Voted, That mr. William Thomas be Appointed and Impowered to Demand and Receive the Dockage of all Vessells lying in the Town Dock from Messrs. Billing's Shop to the Wharffe opposite to John Fayerweather Esqrs. Warehouse, and that he be allowed one third part for Collecting the same.

Boston, Sept 7, 1749.

Whereas the Petitions of Sundry Persons for License to Sell Strong Drink both as Inholders and Retailers, have been presented to the Select men & at several Meetings by them Considered. A List of their Names and the street where each Person dwells, with the actings of the Select men on said Petitions is here Recorded,

[No Entries on pages 147 and 148.]

[**149.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 13th. 1749.
Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

The Selectmen this Day agreed to Lease to messrs. William and Edward Page, Shipwrights the Battery Wharffe and Flatts at the north End for the Term of Three years to Commence from the first day of this instant September at the Rate of sixty Pounds old tenor pr. Annum, they being obliged to keep the Communication to the Battery free and clear of any Incumbrance, and they are not to Grave any Vessel or the Flatts under a Penalty of Five Pounds for each Vessell.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread, at the Rate of Forty five shillings pr. Bushell for Wheat, and Seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold [**150.**] Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for

Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	- - - -		15½
Wheaten	- - - - -	1-	5½
Household	- - - - -	1-	15
Of Six Penny White Loaf	- - -	6-	1
Wheaten	- - - - -	8-	1
Household	- - - - -	11-	13

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Six Ounces fifteen Drams, and larger Loaves of the like sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sep^{t}. 25th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Hill

Voted, That m^{r}. Adams, Clerk of Faneuil Hall [**151.**] Market be directed to demand & receive of the Butchers, who use Stalls out of the said Market, within the Rails, Two shillings old Tenor p. Day, for the use of the said Stalls.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 4th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty shillings old tenor p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p^{r}. Bushell on Household Bread, Six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings [**152.**] p^{r}. Bushell for Charges, which is computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf	- - - -	1-	1¾
Wheaten	- - - -	1-	7½
Household	- - - -	2-	2
Six Penny White Loaf	- - - -	6-	13
Wheaten	- - - - -	8-	13
Household	- - - -	12-	12

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Seven Ounces Twelve Drams, and larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 25, 1749.

Present

m^r^. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Hill
m^r^. Gardner

[**153.**] The Select men, Sent to the Almshouse, Phillis Johnson a Stranger, with a Bad Sore Leg, to be Supported there at the Province Charge.

Voted, That m^r^. John Beaudry be & hereby is appointed Master of the Engine at the South End, which is now kept on the Land belonging to the Town to the Town (*sic*) taken in Execution of m^r^. Samuel Kneeland.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 8th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread, at the rate of Forty Shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat and seven shillings p^r^. Bushell Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny White Loaf [**154.**] or Larger White Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

Of Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -	1-	1¾
	Wheaten - - - - - - -	1-	7½
	Household - - - - - -	2-	2
Six Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -	6-	13
	Wheaten - - - - - -	8-	13
	Household - - - - - -	12-	121

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Seven Ounces Twelve Drams, and Larger Loaves in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 15. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esq.
m^r^. Hill
m^r^. Cooke
m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Gardner

Capt. Steel informs the Persons who [**155.**] have lately Purchased m^r^. Isaac White's Distill house at the North End, have made an Encroachment on the Town's Land there.

Voted, That the Select men View the said place on Tuesday next at Eleven o'Clock in the forenoon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 22^{d}. 1749

Present

Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Voted, That Benjamin Pemberton Esq. present, Naval Officer pay Thirty Pounds old tenor, annually for the office in Faneuil Hall, which he now possesses, from Monday the twentieth of this instant November.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Nov. 30th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
[156.] m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majesty's Name requiring them fortwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Tuesday the fifth Day of December next, at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Choose Four Persons to Collect the Taxes of the present year in the room of those that were Chose into that office in March last, and refuse to Serve, and Choose Jurors for January Court next.

[157.] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Forty three shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, Six pence p Bushell on a six penny white Loaf, or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}. —

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -	1-	0¾
	Household - - - - - -	2-	
	Wheaten - - - - - - -	1-	6¼
Six Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -	6-	4½
	Wheaten - - - - - - -	8-	5½
	House hold - - - - - -	12-	

A Six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Seven Ounces two Drams and larger Loaves of the like Sort in the same Proportion.

[158.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 5th. 1749

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified

rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the Eighth Day of December instant, at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon then and there to Choose Four Persons to Collect the Taxes for the present Year in the room of those that were Chose into that office in March last, and refuse to Serve, and Choose Jurors for January Court next.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 6th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

[**159.**] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty five shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, three shillings & six pence p^{r}. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p^{r}. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges and on White Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - -		15½
Wheaten - - - - - - -	1-	5½
House hold - - - - - -	1-	15
Six Penny White Loaf - - - - - -	5-	14
Wheaten - - - - - - -	8-	1
House hold - - - - -	11-	13

NB. A Six Penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal, must weigh Seven ounces Five Drams, and larger Loaves of the Like Sort in the Same Proportion.

[**160.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 13th. 1749.

Present
m^{r}. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

M^{r}. Samuel Wentworth appeared in order to take the Lands on the Westerly side of Boston Neck.

Voted, That mess^{rs}. Cooke, Grant, Hill & Gardner be a Committee to View the same, and make Report as soon as may be.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a Single Rate (besides the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday [**161.**] the Eighteenth instant, at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Choose Four Collectors of Taxes for the present Year, in the room of those that were Chose into that Office in March last & refuse to Serve; to Determine whether any addition shall be made to the

allowance or Premium there, Voted for Collecting said Taxes, and upon the Security to be given the Town by said Collectors and also upon such other methods as may be thought neccessary for the more easy getting in said Taxes.

At a Meeting of the Select men, December 20th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

[**162.**] Mr. Sutton Byles appeared and desired to hire a Peice of Land on Boston Neck, where the Gallows now stands.

Peter Archdeacon a Stranger who came from Piscataqua, being taken ill.

Ordered, That he be taken care of in the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province and he was accordingly sent there the 30th. December instant.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on Household Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

			oz.	dr.
	Of Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -		14½
		Wheaten - - - - - -	1-	4
		Household - - - - - -	1-	12
[**163.**]	Six Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -	5-	11
		Wheaten - - - - - -	7-	8
		House hold - - - - - -	10-	8

NB. A Six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Six Ounces fourteen Drams, & larger Loaves of the like Sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, January 17th. 1749.

Present
Mr. Grant

[**164.**] Voted, That mr. Nathal. Brown be & hereby is appointed master of the North Engine in the room of mr. John Earle decēd. and,

Mr. Martin Gay is admitted to belong to the said Engine.

Voted, That the Engine under the care of mr. Thomas Read, be Removed to the Cellar under the Town house as soon as may be, and that mr. Cooke be desired to get a Platform laid, and what else may be necessary to be done for the same.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^{ry} 24th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill.
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, That the town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat [**165.**] and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges and on white Bisket two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -		14½
	Wheaten - - - - - -	1 -	4
	House hold - - - - - -	1 -	12
Six Penny	White Loaf - - - - - -	5 -	11
	Wheaten - - - - - -	7 -	8
	House hold - - - - - -	10 -	8

NB. A six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal and bread of the same sort must weigh Six ounces Fourteen Drams, and larger loaves of the like Sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}.7th.1749.

Present

Thos. Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Gardner

[**166.**] M^{r}. John Blower Master of the Engine kept near the Prison appeared & desired that he might be released from that Service.

Voted, that he be released accordingly,

Voted, That m^{r}. Gershom Flagg be and he hereby is appointed to take Care and Charge of the said Engine, as Master thereof, for the future

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^{ry}. 14th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Mark Hart, who came from Bristol in the Government of Rhode Island being very poor and Indigent, was sent to the Almshouse the 5th. Instant at the Charge of the Province.

[**167.**] At a meeting of the Honourable his Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Select men and Overseers of the Poor, within the Town of Boston, at the Town house on Wednesday the fourteenth Day of February, A. D. 1749.

Present

The Hon ble. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr.
John Fayerweather Esqr.

Justices of the Peace

mr. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. William Salter
mr. Samuel Grant
mr. Thomas Hill
mr. John Gardner

Select men

John Hill Esqr.
mr. Isaac Walker

Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended upon Wednesday [**168.**] the Twenty first Day of February instant at nine o'Clock in the morning, if the Weather be fair, if not, then on the Friday following, being the Twenty third instant, And it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock in the Evening of said Day of Visitation, to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Vizt.

Ward Number One

The Honble. Edward Hutchinson Esqr
mr. Ebenezer Storer
mr. Samuel Grant
mr. George Holmes
mr. John Breck
mr. John Clough, Constable

Ward, Number Two

John Fayerweather Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. John Barrett
Capt. John Goldthwait
mr. William Merchant
[**169.**] mr. John Ruddock
mr. John Greenough
mr. William Nichols, Constable

Ward, Number Three

Joshua Cheever Esq .
Henry Atkins Esq.
mr. Isaac Walker
Capt. Alexander Sears
mr. William Larrabee
mr. John Grant
mr. Gammon Stevens
mr. John Wells, Constable

Ward, Number Four
William Tyler Esqr.
m^{r}. John Gardner
m^{r}. Joseph Green
m^{r}. William Fairfield
m^{r}. Thomas Greenough
m^{r}. Robert Ford, Constable
Ward, Number Five
Daniel Henchman Esq.
Thomas Hancock Esq.
[170.] m^{r}. Peter Chardon
Capt. Daniel Pecker
m^{r}. Nathaniel Loring
m^{r}. Alexander Young, Constable
Ward, Number Six
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
William Stoddard Esqr.
John Erving Esqr.
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
m^{r}. John Tyng
m^{r}. James Bowdoin
M^{r}. Augustus Hail, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
John Phillips Esq.
Francis Wells Esq.
Capt. Benj^{a}. Edwards
Capt. Henry Berry
m^{r}. Jacob Parker
m^{r}. Harrison Gray
m^{r}. John Southack, Constable
Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esq.
[171.] William Down Esq.
m^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
m^{r}. Joseph Jackson
Capt. Nathaniel Barber
m^{r}. Thomas Palfrey, Constable
Ward, Number Nine
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esq.
Jonas Clarke Esq.
m^{r}. Joseph Fitch
Capt. Joseph Russell
m^{r}. Benjamin Hallowell
m^{r}. William Muckleroy, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esq.
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Francis Borland Esq.
Jeremiah Greene Esq.
m^{r}. Thomas Flucker
Capt. Samuel Hewes
m^{r}. James Boutineau

[172.] m^r. George Featherstone, Constable
Ward, Number Eleven
Thomas Hubbard Esq.
Capt. William Salter
m^r. Thomas Oxnard
m^r. Stephen Greenleafe
Capt. James Day
m^r. William Bowdoin
m^r. John Winslow
m^r. Edmund Quincy
m^r. David Wheeler, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esq.
John Hill Esq.
m^r. Thomas Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
m^r. Thomas Foster
m^r. Thomas Greene
m^r. Thomas Downe Junr.
m^r. Thomas Gridley, Constable

And the Town Clerk is desired to give forth Copys of the above order or Sortment accordingly.

[173.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 26. 1749.

Present
m^r. Cooke
Capt. Salter
m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill
m^r. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Forty eight shillings old tenor p. Bushell for Wheat, & seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p. Bushell on a six penny white Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket Two shillings p. Bushell for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t.

	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf - - - - -		14½
Wheaten - - - - - -	1-	4
House hold - - - - - -	1-	12
Six Penny White Loaf - - - - -	5-	11
Wheaten - - - - - -	7-	8
House hold - - - - -	10-	8

[174.] NB. A six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Six Ounces fourteen Drams and larger loaves of the like Sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^ry. 28th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^r. Cooke

John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

M^{rs}. Pines appeared and informs that the Widow Pexlen a Woman very Poor and Disordered in mind, came to her House the 6th day of January last that she has Entertained her ever since and desired to know how she should be paid therefor.

Voted, That M^{rs}. Pines should be satisfied [**175.**] at the Charge of the Province for Entertaining the said Mrs Peelen, until she can be otherwise provided for.

Nelson a Stranger, came into this Town and not belonging to any Town in this Province, was sent to the Alms-house by Jacob Wendell Esq. (one of the Overseers of the Poor) to be Supported there at the Province Charge.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 7th. 1749.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

The Select men this Day by Virtue of the Towns Vote of the 27th. June last, Executed Leases of the Towns Land on the Easterly side of Boston Neck to John Hill Esq. for the Term of [**176.**] Twenty one years, upon the Conditions therein mentioned, as by the said Lease, Dated the first day of March instant, will appear on file.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant, directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name, requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the twelvth day of March instant, at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Nominate and Choose Meet persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing, as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables and other necessary Officers as the Law directs, to Grant such Sums of money as shall be Judged needful for the relief of the Poor, and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on [**177.**] several Affairs, to Act upon the List of Jurors, to appoint a Committee to Visit the Schools, to Choose Auditors of the accounts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, to Determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, as also what time the assessors may set to make Abatement of Taxes, to Receive & Examine the Accompts of the Granary. To consider of the Petition of m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke for a Grant of a small Strip of Land in School street in Lieu of the Land he has given the Town to streighten the

Passage way leading into the Burial place; The Petition of m^r^. Samuel Gibson for an addition to his Salary, the Petition of several Inhabitants that the Sum of Fifty Pounds new tenor bills may be allowed to Christ's Church, for cleaning, fitting and fixing the Clock there, and that the same for the future be maintained by the Town, and the great Bell there be Rung at one o'Clock, The Petition of m^r^. William Bowen that the Town would make him such an allowance as they [**178.**] shall think proper for the Damages he has Sustain'd in being Prosecuted in the Law by Nathaniel Wardell; to Consider what method is necessary to be taken to prevent negroes and Servants buying Provisions; of the Petition of John Hill Esq. m^r^. Samuel Wentworth & m^r^. Sutton Byles, that a furthur term may be granted them in the Lands they have Leased of the Towns on Boston. To Consider whether it is not necessary to Revise and Print the By-Laws of the Town now in force and pass some other By-Laws for the Better Regulation of the Town; To Choose Jurors for April Court and act upon all such other matters and Things as stand refer'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meet ——————————————————————

[**179.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, march 14th. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^r^. Middlecott Cooke
m^r^. Samuel Grant
m^r^ Thomas Hill
m^r^. John Gardner

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread as the same is now stated for the Direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the Market, being as follows, Viz^t^.

Of Penny White Loaf
Wheaten
House hold

Computed at Forty six shillings old tenor p^r^. Bushell for Wheat, and seven shillings p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Three shillings and six pence p. Bushell on House hold Bread, six pence p^r^. Bushell on a Six penny White Loaf or larger white Loaves allowed for Charges, and on white Bisket two shillings p^r^. Bushell for Charges, and the several Bakers within this Town [**180.**] are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale, with the first Letter of their Christian Names, and with the first & last Letters of their Sir names, and the Clerks of the Market are directed to make allowance for Bisket well Baked.

NB. A six penny Loaf of Brown Bread that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Seven ounces Two Drams, and larger Loaves of the like sort in the same Proportion.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 22^d^. 1749.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
Capt. Salter

m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill
m^r. Gardner

Voted, That m^r. Isaac Dickman be and he hereby is appointed Sealer of all Cord Wood brought for Sale and Landed on the Wharfes [**181.**] at the Westerly part of the Town.

M^r. Edward Winter, Blacksmith, presented a Petition to the Select men, praying Liberty to Build a Dwelling house with Timber on the Land at the lower End of Summer Street as particularly set forth in said Petition, which being Read and Considered —

Voted, that Liberty be granted according to the said Petition.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 4th. 1750

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill
m^r. Gardner

M^r. John Lovel, master of the South Grammer School, appeared and informed the Select men that his late Usher m^r. Samuel Gibson decēd a few days since, that there was a necessity [**182.**] of Having another to Succeed him, as he now has a large number of Scholars to Educate, and he Recommended m^r. Robert Treat Paine as a Person well Qualified for that Service.

M^r. Paine being present offered himself to Serve as an Usher in said School — there upon, It was Voted, that m^r. Paine be and hereby is appointed usher of said School, to Enter on that Service on Monday next the ninth instant, to be allowed for his Salary such a Sum as the Town shall think proper.

Voted, That Thomas Hancock Esqr. Capt. Salter and m^r. Hill be desired to procure a Fence to be Erected at the bottom of the Common to prevent Chaises, and other Carriages from passing that Way.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 16, 1750.

Present
Thos Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r.Cooke
m^r. Hill
m^r Gardner

[**183.**] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Four shillings & eight pence Lawful Money p. Bushell for Wheat, & Eleven pence p^r. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Five pence half penny p. Bushell on Household Bread, One penny p. Bushell on two penny & four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing p. Bushell on other white Loaves allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Three farthings White Loaf		7-	0½
One penny Ditto		9-	6
two penny Ditto	1-	3-	8
four penny Ditto	2-	7-	
Two penny Wheaten Loaf	1-	8-	13
Four penny Ditto	3-	1-	10
Two penny House hold Loaf	2-	4-	8
Four Penny Ditto	4-	9-	

NB. A four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Two Pounds Fourteen Ounces & Eight Drams.

[**184.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 8th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston. In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of Forty shillings p. annum of Free hold in Land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the Nature of Forty Pounds Sterling, to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Tuesday the fifteenth day of May instant, at nine of the Clock in the forenoon, then & there to Elect and [**185.**] Depute, One or more Persons (being Free holders and Resident in the Town) according to the number Set & Limited by an Act of the General Court or Assembly, to Serve for and Represent them in a Great and General Court, appointed to be Convened held and kept for his Majestys Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the thirtieth day of said May, & so De Die in Diem during their Session & Sessions according to a Precept under the hand and seal of Benjamin Pollard Esq. Sherriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the Twenty third year of his Majestys Reign. Anno Domini 1750.

And alike requiring them to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to Consider of the Petition of mr. John Lovel that a suitable allowance may be made him for his Support as Master of the South Grammer School [**186.**] what Salary shall be given to mr. Robert Treat Paine Usher of said School; of the Petition of mr. John Procter junr. and mr. Samuel Holbrook that an addition may be made to their Salarys, as Ushers of the Writing Schools; Whether the Town will Continue the Salarys of the other School-masters at the same Rate as they were Voted the last year; of the Petition of several Inhabitants that further Provision may be made for Instructing the Children at the South part

of the Town in Writing; of the Petition of D^{r}. William Rand for an Abatement of sundry Taxes Committed to him to Collect, of the Petition of mess^{rs}. Joseph White, John Staniford and William Larrabee that the Assessors be directed to abate them such Taxes as they have paid for Harvard College, and the Artillery Company, and have been Remitted by the General Court, of the Petition of several Inhabitants for taking up the [**187.**] Pavement of Wood lane and laying the same anew. To Determine whether application shall be made to the General Court to Repeal the Law lately pass'd laying a Duty on Tea, Coffee, Coaches, Chaises &c., or what may be done concerning it; and to Remove the Powder house in the Common to some place, for the greater Safety of the Inhabitants; Whether it is not necessary to Repair the North Battery; What method is best to be taken to Secure the Marsh Land at the Bottom of the Common, and Whether the Town will Lease out the same, to Grant such Sums of money as may be judged needful for the Relief of the Poor & defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the Town Committees on several Affairs; to Choose such officers as are wanting and Act upon all such matters and Things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

Voted, That the Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley be desired to Open the Town Meeting on Tuesday next, with Prayer.

[**188.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 9th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Voted, That the Town Treasurer be desired and directed to make Enquiry of all Fines due to the Town of Boston from the Justices of the Peace, which they have set upon, and received of any Persons, and he receive them into the Treasury as the Law directs in such cases.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 16. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

[**189.**] Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Four shillings and eight pence lawful money p^{r}. Bushell for Wheat and Eleven pence p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Five pence half penny p Bushell on House hold Bread, one penny p. Bushell on two penny and four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing p^{r}. Bushell on other White Loaves is allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	Dr.
Three farthings White Loaf - - - - -		7-	0½
One penny - - Ditto - - - - - -		9-	6
Two penny - - Ditto - - - - -	1-	3-	8
Four penny - - Ditto - - - - -	2-	7	
Two penny Wheaten Loaf - - - - -	1-	8-	12
Four penny - - Ditto - - - - -	3-	1-	10
Two penny Household Loaf - - - -	2-	4-	8
Four penny - - Ditto - - - - -	4-	9	

NB. A four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Two pounds fourteen Ounces and Eight Drams.

[**190.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, May 28th. 1750.

Present
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

The Select men this Day Let to mr. William Marshall Butcher, the North Burying place, in order to put Sheep (only) therein until the twenty fifth day of March next, he paying Thirty shillings Lawful Money for that time.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June. 13th. 1750.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

The Select men Agreed with messrs. Fosdick and Thornton Powers, to take up the Pavement in Wood Lane and lay it all anew again, they finding all the Labour, and the Town [**191.**] to find Gravel and what Stones may be wanting, and they are to receive One shilling and three pence lawful money p yard, for their Trouble, Labour &c.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of Four shillings & Eight pence lawful money p. Bushell for Wheat and Eleven pence p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread Five pence half penny p. Bushell on House hold Bread, one penny p. Bushell on two penny & four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing p. Bushell on other White Loaves is allowed for Charges which is Computed, as follows, Vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
A White Loaf of the price of ⅔ parts of a penny		6-	4
One penny - - - - - - - Ditto -		9-	6
two penny - - - - - - - Ditto -	1-	3-	8
four penny - - - - - - - Ditto -	2-	7-	
Two penny Wheaten Loaf	1-	8-	13
Four penny - - - - - - - Ditto -	3-	1-	10
Two penny Household Loaf - - - -	2-	4-	8
Four penny - - Ditto - - - - - -	4-	9	

[**192.**] N.B. A Four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth Indian meal must weigh Two Pounds Fourteen ounces and Eight Drams.

Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town, pursuant to the Vote and order of the Inhabitants at their Meeting, the —— of —— last, be attended on Friday the twenty second day of June Current, and that the following Gentlemen be desired to Accompany the Selectmen in the said Visitation, Viz^{t}.

The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. John Osborne Esqr.
The Hon. Jos. Wadsworth Esqr.
The Hon. Ezekiel Lewis Esqr.
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Hon. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Hon. Willaim Foye Esqr.
The Hon. Samuel Watts Esqr.
The Hon. John Wheelwright Esqr.
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
[**193.**] The Hon. Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.
The Hon. Stephen Sewall Esqr.

The Gentlemen the Representatives of the Town of Boston.

The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Thomas Prince
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Samuel Checkley
The Rev . D^{r}. Charles Chauncey
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Ellis Gray
The Rev^{d}. m^{r}. Andrew Eliot
William Tyler Esqr.
Henry Atkins Esqr.
Col^{o} John Hill
m^{r}. Josiah Quincy
m^{r}. John Barrett
Capt. Nathl. Allen
m^{r}. James Bowdoin
m^{r}. Thomas Flucker
m^{r}. David Jeffries

Ordered, That m^{r}. Savell give seasonable notice to the several Gentlemen of this appointment, and that they be desired to meet at Faneuil Hall at nine o'Clock in [**194.**] the morning of said Day, and that he acquaint the several Schoolmasters there with.

At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 25th. 1750.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston,

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn and Notify all the Freeholders and other Inhabitante of the said Town qualified as the Law directs ; within their respective Precincts that their Meeting held at Faneuil Hall on the 15th. of May last, stands adjourn'd to Friday next, being the 29th. instant, at Three o'Clock in the afternoon, when several matters of great Importance are to be Considered of and acted upon.

[**195.**] At a Meeting of the Selectmen, June 27th. 1750

Present
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

The Select men according to appointment on the Twenty second day of June instant, Visited the Publick Schools in this Town, accompanied by the following Gentlemen, Vizt.

(No Entries on pages 195 and 196)

[**197.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 6th. 1750.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn and notify all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town, qualfied as the Law directs within their respective Precincts that their meeting held at Faneuil Hall on Friday last, stands adjourned to three o'Clock this afternoon, when an affair of great Consequence to the Town, is to be Considered of and Determined upon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 18th. 1750.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread[**198.**] at the Rate of Four shillings & three pence Lawful money p. Bushell for Wheat & Eleven pence p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Five pence half penny p. Bushell on House hold Bread, one penny p. Bushell on two penny and four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing pr. Bushell on the other White Loaves, is allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

A White Loaf of the price of two third parts of a penny			6 -	13
One penny	Ditto		10 -	4
two penny	Ditto	1 -	5 -	11
four penny	Ditto	2 -	11 -	6
Two Penny Wheaten Loaf		1 -	10 -	1
Four Penny	Ditto	3 -	4 -	2
Two Penny House hold Loaf		2 -	7 -	2
Four Penny	Ditto	4 -	4 -	4

NB. A four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Three Pounds two ounces.

[**199.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 25th. 1750

Present
mr. Cooke
Capt. Salter

m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Hill
m^r^. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Four shillings and eight pence Lawful money p. Bushell for Wheat, and Eleven pence p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Five pence half penny p^r^. Bushell on Household Bread One penny p Bushell on two penny and four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing p. Bushell on the White Loaves is allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

A White Loaf of the price of two third parts of a penny			6- 4
One Penny - - - - - -	Ditto	- - -	9- 6
two penny - - - - - -	Ditto	- - 1-	3- 8

[200.] Four penny Daite Loaf
Two penny Wheaten Loaf
Four penny - - - Ditto
Two penny Household Loaf
Four Penny Ditto -

NB. A four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Two pounds Fourteen Ounces and Eight Drams.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Aug^st^ 1. 1750.

Present
m^r^. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r^. Hill
m^r^. Gardner

The Select men having Viewed the School house in Queen street in order to make the Alteration as by the Towns Vote, and having Discoursed with sundry Persons are of opinion that it is attended with many [201.] Difficulties by reason of Carts, Coaches, and Chaises passing in School hours, & therefore think it best to leave the Affair till the Towns mind be further known thereon.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 15th. 1750.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^r^. Cooke
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r^. Grant

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread to take place the 18th. instant, at the Rate of Five shillings lawful Money p. Bushell for Wheat, and Eleven pence p^r^. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Five pence half penny p^r^. Bushell on House hold Bread, One penny p^r^. Bushell on two penny and four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing p^r^. Bushell on the other White Loaves, is allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^t^.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
[202.] A White Loaf of the price of two third parts of a penny		5-	13
One penny - - - - - - Ditto - - - -		8-	12
two penny - - - - - - - Ditto - - - - -	1 -	2-	4
four penny - - - - - - Ditto - - - - -	2 -	4-	8
Two penny Wheaten Loaf - - - - - - - -	1 -	7-	8
Four penny - - - - - - Ditto - - - - -	2 -	15-	
Two penny Household Loaf - - - - - - -	2 -	1-	11
Four penny Ditto - - - - - - - - - - -	4 -	3-	8

NB. A four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal, must weigh Two pounds eleven Ounces Four Drams.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 27, 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

M^{r}. John Lovell Master of the South Grammar School appeared and informed that [203.] Mr. Robert Treat Paine his Usher, left that Employment this Day fortnight, and recommended m^{r}. Nathaniel Gardner jun^{r}. as a suitable person to succeed him.

Voted, That m^{r}. Nathaniel Gardner jun^{r}. be appointed Usher of the said School, until further Orders.

At a Meeting of the Honourable his Majestys Justices of the Peace, and the Select men of Boston, Aug. — 1750.

A Ward on Boston Neck upon the Lords Days was then ordered and appointed from and after the date hereof until the —— day of October next ensuing inclusive, as has been Customary hereto fore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, and is in the words following, Viz^{t}.

Boston ss.

To each and every of the Constables of the Town of Boston — Greeting.

Whereas by an Act of the Great & General Court, pass'd in the Eleventh Year of the Reign [204.] of his late Majesty King William III, Entitled, an act for keeping of watches in Towns, It is Enacted. "That from time to time when and so often as a Military Watch shall not be ordered and appointed to be kept, the Justices of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered and Authorized to Direct and Order a suitable Watch or Watches to be set up and kept &c^{a}. and also a Ward to be kept every Lords Day & other Days as they shall think needful, and to appoint the Number whereof such Watch & Ward shall consist, and the time for the beginning and continuance of the same, and the Constable or Constables of the Town having orders accordingly given him or them in Writing by the Justices & Select men, are thereby Impowered and required

from time to time to Warn such Watch and Ward respectively and to See that all Persons so Warned by them do Attend and Observe [**205.**] their Duty in that Regard." And Whereas the said Justices and Select men are inform'd of frequent Prophanation of the Lords Day (especially at this season of the year) by loose, vain Persons, Servants, negroes &c. unnecessarily Travelling or Walking to and from Boston & Roxbury, with neglect of attending on the Publick Worship of God in either place and bringing from the neighbouring Towns, Corn, Apples, and other Fruits of the Earth to the great disturbance of the publick peace and Scandal of our Christian Profession, It is therefore ordered by the said Justices and Select men that from and after the date hereof, and until the ——— Day of October next ensuing inclusive, the Constables of and within the Town of Boston and every of them by turns do Warn and Appoint Eight meet & sober Persons, Inhabitants of the said Town, on the Lords Day to Ward on the neck or highway between Boston and Roxbury at some Convenient place near the Line of Defence, Four [**206.**] of the said Persons are to give their attendance there from seven o'Clock in the morning until half an hour after twelve at noon, and there to be releived by the other Four who are there to continue upon Duty until the Dusk of the Evening, and the Constable or Constables are to take care in Warning thereof, that such Ward do not consist of all or the greatest part youths, but that some able House holders or other sufficient persons be joyned with them, and the said Constables are hereby enjoined to give in Charge to such Ward to prevent and suppress such Disorders, to Examine all Passengers and restrain them, from disporting, Idle Walking, or Unnecessary Travel on the Lords Day, and if any Person or Persons be rude, refractory or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the occasion of their Travelling or otherwise Misbehave themselves to take them up, and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace, or return their names [**207.**] to such Justice in Order to their being Examined, and proceeded against according to the nature, of their offence as Prophaners of the Lords Day.

Given under our hands and seals at Boston the ——— Day of August, in the twenty fourth Year of His Majestys Reign, Annoq Domini, 1750.

Boston, Sep^{t}. 6, 1750.

Whereas the Petitions of sundry Persons for License to Sell Strong Drink both as Inn holders and Retailers have been presented to the Select men, and at several meetings by them Considered — A List of their names and the street where each person dwells, with the actings of the Select men on said Petitions, is here Recorded as follows, Viz^{t}.

(No Entries on pages 208–209.)

[**210.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 19th. 1750.

Present

m^{r} Cooke

m^{r} Grant

m^{r} Hill

Voted, That mr. Samuel Treat be admitted into the Engine at the North end, whereof m^{r}. Thomas Bentley is Master, in the room of Elijah Doubledee decēd.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 24th. 1750.

Present
m^{r}. Cooke
John Steel Esq.
m^{r}. Grant
mr. Hill

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Five shillings Lawful Money p. Bushell for Wheat and Eleven pence p. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Five pence half penny p. Bushell on Household Bread [**211.**], one penny p. Bushell on two penny and four penny White Loaves and three pence one farthing p. Bushell on the other White Loaves, is allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
A White Loaf of the price of two third parts of a penny		5 -	13
One penny - - - - Ditto		8 -	12
two pennny - - - - Ditto - -	1 -	2 -	4
four penny - - - - Ditto - -	2 -	4 -	8
Two Penny Wheaten Loaf - - - -	1 -	7 -	8
Four Penny - - - Ditto - -	2 -	15	
Two Penny Household Loaf - - -	2 -	1 -	11
Four Penny - - - Ditto - -	4 -	3 -	8

NB. A four penny Loaf that does not exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh Two pounds Eleven Ounces Four Drams.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sep^{t}. 26th. 1750.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

[**212.**] Mr. Joseph Grant presented a Petition praying Liberty for to Build a Shop with Timber, near Ship street at the North End.

Voted that the Select men View the place propos'd tomorrow at ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

Information being given that the small Pox is very prevalent at Philadelphia.

Voted, That a Petition be presented to His Honour Spencer Phips Esqr. Lieu^{t}. Governour and Commander in Chief &c. praying he would give orders to the Commanding Officer at Castle William to Stop all Vessells coming from thence, until they have been examined relating thereto and a Petition was accordingly presented.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct^{o}. 5th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Gardner
m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Hill

Voted That m^{r}. John Prince be admitted [**213.**] into the North Engine whereof m^{r}. Nathaniel Brown is Master, he having obtained Liberty or a release from Capt. Hart therefor (to whose Company in the Militia he belonged.)

Voted, That m^{r}. Ebenezer Topliff be admitted into the South Engine whereof m^{r}. Jno Beaudri is Master being first Discharged from the South Battery whereof Jeremiah Green Esqr. is Captain.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 18th. 1750.

Present

m^{r}. Cooke
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Mr. George Tilley presented a Petition praying he may have a License granted him to sell strong Drink by Retail in King street.

Voted, That he be Recommended to the Court of General Sessions of the Peace, as a suitable Person for such an Employment.

[**214.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Oct. 29th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Five shillings lawful money p. Bushell for Wheat, and eleven pence p^{r}. Bushell on Wheaten Bread, Five pence half penny p. Bushell on Household Bread, one penny p. Bushell on two penny and four penny White Loaves, and three pence one farthing p. Bushell on the other white Loaves is allowed for Charges, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

	l	oz.	dr.
A White Loaf of the price of two thirds parts of a penny		5 -	13
One penny - - - Ditto		8 -	12
two penny - - - Ditto	1 -	2 -	4
four penny - - - Ditto - -	2 -	4 -	8

[**215.**] Two Penny Wheaten Loaf
Four Penny - - - Ditto
Two Penny Household Loaf
Four Penny - - - Ditto

NB. A Four penny Loaf that does exceed one fifth part Indian Meal must weigh two pounds eleven Ounces, Four Drams

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 28th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
mr. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of Five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and Four pence p^{r}. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers, for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

		l	oz.	dr.
	Of penny White Loaf	—	8 -	11
	Wheaten - - - -	—	13 -	0½
[216.]	House hold - - -	1 -	1 -	6
	two penny White Loaf - - -	1 -	1 -	6
	Wheaten - - - -	1 -	10 -	1
	Household - - -	2 -	2 -	12
	Six penny Wheaten Loaf - -	4 -	14 -	3
	Household - - -	6 -	8 -	4
	Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf -	9 -	12 -	6
	Household - -	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 12th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

The several Collectors of Taxes for the Year 1750 appeared and proposed the following Persons for their Bondsmen, Viz^{t}.

M^{r}. John Ruddock, offers Capt. Nathaniel Greenwood & mr. Samuel Holland for his Bondsmen, who [217.] were approved of.

M^{r}. Joseph Russell offers mess^{rs}. Benj^{a}. Hallowell & Anthony Brackett for his Bondsmen who were approved of.

M^{r}. Thomas Downe jun^{r}. offers John Hills Esqr. & mr. Joseph Greenleafe for his Bondsmen, who were approved of.

Mr. John Grant, offers Thos. Hutchinson Esqr. and m^{r}. Samuel Grant for his Bondsmen, who were approved of.

Capt. Benjamin Edwards, offers William Stoddard Esqr. & Capt. Isaac White for his Bondsmen, who ———

Capt. James Day, offers mess^{rs}. Thomas Greene and William Coffin for his Bondsmen.

It is agreed upon and Ordered that Tuesday the Eighteenth Day of December current be the time for running the Line & renewing the Bound marks between the Town of Boston & the Town of Roxbury, and that the Select men or any two of them be a Committee for and in behalf of the Town of Boston, fully Authorized & [218.] Impowered to join with such Persons as the Select men of Roxbury

shall appoint & Impower to attend and perform the same, and that all Persons concern'd therein be & hereby are desired to meet at the House of m^r. John Grayton, at the sign of the Greyhound in Roxbury at ten of the Clock in the forenoon of the said Day in order to attend the said Business, and the Town Clerk is here by directed to give seasonable notice (by a Letter) to the Select men of Roxbury of this appointment, desiring them to appoint and Impower a Committee in the behalf of the Town of Roxbury to joyn with us in that Service accordingly — But if the Weather sho'd prove Wet and apparently unsuitable for the performance of the said Work on the Day above mentioned, then the same to be attended and performed the next Day, Viz^t. on Wednesday the nineteenth Day of December current, to meet at the said place at Ten o'Clock in the Forenoon.

[**219.**] The following Letter was wrote to the Selectmen of Roxbury, Viz^t.

Boston, Decr. 12th. 1750.

Gentlemen,

These are to give you notice that this Year is the time wherein according to Law, we are required to run the Boundary Line betwixt this Town, and the Town of Roxbury. You are there fore desired to appoint & Impower a Committee to join with that of ours for the performance of that Service, and that they meet us at the house of m^r. John Grayton at the sign of the Greyhound in Roxbury, on Tuesday the Eighteenth day of December current, at Ten o'Clock in the forenoon; The persons appointed in behalf of this Town are the Select men, Viz^t. Thomas Hancock Esqr. m^r. Middlecott Cooke, John Steel Esqr. Capt. William Salter, m^r. Samuel Grant, m^r. Thomas Hill and m^r. John Gardner & they or any two of them are Impowered to run the Line and renew the Bound marks between the said Towns of Boston and Roxbury [**220.**] accordingly, but if the Weather on said Eighteenth day of December should prove Wet and apparently unsuitable for the performance of this work, then we do propose & appoint to attend the same on the next day following Viz^t. on Wednesday the nineteenth of this instant December to meet at the said place at ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

By order of the Select men
EZEK^L. GOLDTHWAIT Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 19th. 1750.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^r. Grant
m^r. Gardner

Yesterday (according to appointment) the Selectmen of Boston in Concert with the Select men of Roxbury attended the Perambulation betwixt the two Towns [**221.**] a Report whereof is here Recorded as follows, Viz^t.

Pursuant to Agreement we the Subscribers met at the time and

place appointed, & run the Line and renewed the ancient Bound marks between the Town of Boston & the Town of Roxbury, beginning at the mouth of the Creek which opens into the Bay leading to Cambridge, and so goes as the Creek runs until it comes in a range with the Fence and Trees which parts between John Richardson Esq^{rs}. Land, formerly m^{r}. Nathaniel Brewer's, and Samuel Wells Esq^{rs}. Land, formerly called m^{r}. Minots, then across the street or highway till it comes to a large stone, standing endway in the Fence and from thence to a stump with a heap of stones about Eighty feet from the highway & from thence strait to a little knowl upon the Edge of the Creek a Corner of the Bounds were stands a stake mark'd B on the Easterly Side and R on the Westerly side, and from thence Easterly as the [**222.**] Creek runs until it comes to a stake mark'd B. on one side and R. on the other in Col^{o}. Lambs Damm, and from thence as the Creek runs into the Bay between Boston and Dorchester.

Dated the Eighteenth day of December, A.D. 1750

W. SALTER
SAM. GRANT
THO^{S}. HILL
JOHN GARDNER
} Selectmen of Boston.

SAMUEL HEATH
JERE. RICHARDS
DANIEL WELD
EBEN NEWELL
} Selectmen of Roxbury.

Liberty is granted to m^{r}. Jotham Mavericke to Set up Two Posts before his Door in King street, he Payinting the Posts White.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 26th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

[**223.**] Ordered That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p^{r}. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - -		8 -	11
Wheaten - - - - - - -		13 -	0½
House hold - - - - - -	1 -	1 -	6
Two Penny White Loaf - - - - - -	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten - - - - - -	1 -	10 -	1
Household - - - - - -	2 -	2 -	12
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf - - - - -	4 -	14 -	3
House hold - - - - -	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf - - - -	9 -	12 -	6
House hold - - - - -	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 31st. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Hill
John Steel Esq.
m^{r}. Grant.
m^{r}. Gardner

[**224.**] Whereas it is apprehended that the General Court at their Sessions in January next will proceed to lay a Tax upon this Town for Rebuilding the Town house, seperate from their Proportion of the Province And County Tax whereby the Town will be greatly aggrevied. Therefore

Ordered That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston.

In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly Qualified, rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the seventh day of January next, at ten o'Clock in the forenoon, to Consider whether the Town will Preferr a Petition to the Great and General Court at their next Sessions, praying they may be Exempted from paying any greater part of the Expence [**225.**] for Rebuilding the Court house, than their proportion thereof that is included in the Province and County Tax, and do what ever else may be judged necessary concerning the same, and also Choose Jurors for the Superiour Court in February next.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^{ry}. 9th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Collins Simms, who came from the West Indies with Capt. Dupee was sent to the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province being a Stranger, and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

[**226.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^{y}, 16th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr
John Steel Esqr
Capt. Salter
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Gardner

Daniel Seymour who came from the West Indies in Capt. Dupee was this day sent to the Almshouse at the Charge of the Province, being a Stranger and not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jany 30th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and Four pence p. Bushell [**227.**] is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, Viz^{t}.

		l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny	White Loaf		8	11
	Wheaten		13	0½
	Household	1	1	6
Two Penny	White Loaf	1	1	6
	Wheaten	1	10	1
	Household	2	2	12
Of Six Penny	Wheaten Loaf	4	14	3
	Household	6	8	4
Twelve Penny	Wheaten Loaf	9	12	6
	Household	13	0	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb. 6th. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esq.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

The Select men at the desire of m^{r}. Isaac White [**228.**] and m^{r}. Edward Dumaresq a few days since, went upon their Lands near Charlestown ferry place, and then agreed and Determined that, that part of the street called Charter street, whereon the said Dumaresq's Land which he lately purchased of the said White is Bounded, is twenty five feet wide, and that said Whites Land extends from the Northwest Corner of said Dumaresq's Land on said Charter street twenty nine feet, seven inches till it comes to a Lane or highway and then turns a Corner & is bounded on said Lane or highway till it runs down to a stake fix'd in the Flatts.

Mem^{o} The Corner of said White's Workhouse stands about two foot on the said Lane or highway.

At a Meeting of the Honourables his Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor, within the Town of Boston on Wednesday the sixth day of February A.D. 1750.

[**229.**]

Present

Samuel Welles Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr.
Abiel Walley Esqr.
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
Jacob Royall Esqr.

Jonas Clarke Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
Justices of the Peace.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Samuel Grant
m^{r}. Thomas Hill
m^{r}. John Gardner
Select men.
William Tyler Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
m^{r}. Ebenezer Storer
m^{r}. John Barrett
Overseers of the Poor.

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Tuesday the twelfth day of February instant, at nine [**230.**] O'Clock in the morning, if the Weather be fair, if not then on Friday following, being the fifteenth instant, — and it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at Five o'Clock in the Evening of said Day of Visitation, to Report the State of the Town &c.

The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One
The Hon. Edward Hutchinson Esq.
Capt. Ebenezer Stone
m^{r}. John Spooner
m^{r}. George Holmes
Capt. Nath. Greenwood
m^{r}. John Ruddock
m^{r}. John Kilby, Constable
Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esq.
m^{r}. Samuel Grant
m^{r}. John Barret
m^{r}. Alex Sears
Capt. Benj^{a}.Hammet
Capt. Nath. Barber.
[**231.**] Capt. John Goldthwait
m^{r}. Henry Darrell
Deacon William Larrabee
Ward, Number Three
Joshua Cheever Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Isaac Walker
Capt. Benj^{a}. Edwards
Capt. Jonathan Snelling
m^{r}. Thomas Greenough
m^{r}. Joseph Gardner
m^{r}. Thomas Lawlor, Constable
Ward, Numher Four
William Tyler Esq.
m^{r}. John Gardner
m^{r} Jonathan Cushing

m^{r}. James Halsey
Capt. Nathaniel Allen
M^{r}. Joseph Jackson
m^{r}. Pearn Cowell, Constable
Ward, Number Five
Daniel Henchman Esq.
[232.] Thomas Hancock Esq.
m^{r}. James Pitts
m^{r}. Thomas Tyler
Capt. Jno Carnes
m^{r}. Henry Newman
m^{r}. Joseph Lasenby
m^{r}. Edward Whittemore, Constable
Ward, Number Six
Abiel Walley Esqr.
m^{r}. Edward Bromfield
m^{r}. Joseph Green
m^{r}. Benj^{a}. Dolbeare
Deacon Jacob Parker
m^{r}. Richard Billings
m^{r}. Samuel Savage
m^{r}. Ephraim Green, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
John Phillips Esqr.
m^{r}. Peter Chardon
Capt. Henry Berry
m^{r}. Thomas Hawden
m^{r}. Henry Bromfield
[233.] m^{r}. John Simpson
m^{r}. John Irving, Constable
Ward, Number Eight
Jacob Royall Esqr.
William Downe Esqr.
m^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
m^{r}. John Scollay
m^{r}. John Grant
m^{r}. David Jeffries
m^{r}. Gershom Flagg
m^{r}. Abraham Tuckerman, Constable
Ward, Number Nine
The Hon Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Edward Winslow Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
m^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. Joseph Russell
Capt. Samuel Hughes
m^{r}. Ebenezer Holmes
m^{r}. John Barker, Constable
Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
[234.] Francis Borland Esqr.
Jeremiah Green Esqr.

Mr. James Boutineau
Mr. Ralph Inman
Capt. Isaac Freeman
mr. Thomas Cushing
mr. William Lowder, Constable.
Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. Thomas Hubbard Esq.
Capt. William Salter
mr. Thomas Oxnard
mr. Stephen Greenleafe
mr. Edmund Quincy
mr. John Winslow
Capt. James Day
mr. John Colton, Constable
Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esq.
John Hill Esq.
mr. Thomas Hill
mr. Thomas Foster
mr. Thomas Downe junr.
[235.] mr. William Coffin
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
mr. John Rider, Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copys of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 4th. 1750.———
Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Mems. Amos Grandy a Stranger, & not an Inhabitant of any Town in this Province being sick and very poor, was sent by the Select men to the Almshouse the 9th of Novemr. last, to be Supported at the Province charge.

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the Rate of Five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell [236.] is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, Vizt.

	lb-	oz-	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two Penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve Penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	9 -	8

Ordered, That the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified and Rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Eleventh day of March instant, at nine [**237.**] O'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to Nominate and Choose meet persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing, as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables, & other necessary officers as the Law directs, to Grant such Sums of money as shall be judged needful for the Relief of the Poor and defraying other necessary Charges; to receive the Reports of the Towns Committees on several affairs; To Act upon the List of Jurors; to appoint a Committee to Visit the Schools; To Choose Auditors of the accounts of the Town Treasurer & Overseers of the Poor, To Determine what Premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, and what time the Assessors may set to make abatement of Taxes; to receive and Examine the accompts of the Granary, to pass upon the Petition of several Inhabitants praying the Town would Consider of the great Expence occasioned by the Publick Schools, and Determine whether one Grammar School, and two writing Schools [**238.**] are not sufficient for the Education of the Children of the Town, the Petition of m^r^. Elias Dupee that he may have an order on the Treasury for his Premium for Collecting the Taxes for the Year 1747. and also that an Abatement of sundry Taxes committed to him to Collect in the Year 1744, 1745, 1746, 1747. may be made him; the Petition of Capt. Benjamin Edwards, that an abatement of sundry Taxes committed to him to Collect may be made him, the Petition of D^r^. William Rand that the Town would accept of the Report of the Committee appointed on his Petition the 29th. of June last, their Vote notwithstanding; To Consider whether the Town will have an Engine Erected near the middle part of it, for Weighing of Hay brought in by Water; Whether any more effectual Method, than is already prescrib'd by Law, can be taken to prevent the Disorders that are frequently committed by Negro Servants in the night; of the [**239.**] Petition of m^r^. Alexander Hunt that the Town would Sell him a peice of Land near Fort hill adjoyning to his Land; What Salarys shall be given to the Masters and Ushers of the Publick Schools the ensuing Year; To Choose Jurors for April Court; and also Act upon such others matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

The Free holders are also Notified to meet at the same time and place to give in their Votes for a Register of Deeds & Conveyances for the County of Suffolk.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 13. 1750.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^r^. Sam. Grant
Mr. Thomas Hill
M^r^. John Gardner

Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
M^{r}. George Holmes

Ordered, that the Town-Clerk post up the assize of Bread as the same is now [**239½.**] stated for direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the Markett be as follows, vizt.

	lb-	oz-	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

Computed at five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & livelihood, and the several Bakers within the Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first letter of their Christian Names and with the first and last letters of their Sirnames.

[**240.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 3^{d}. 1751.

Present
John Steel Esq.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
M^{r}. Gardner
M^{r}. Holmes

The following Depositions were taken at the request of the Select men and are now Entred with their Minutes by their direction (the Original being on file) vizt.

John Bish aged about sixty eight Years testifieth and saith, that forty six years ago M^{r}. Thomas Hunt occupied & improved a Blacksmith's Shop then and now standing upon an old Wharffe formerly belonging to M^{r}. Timothy Thornton lying between the land of m^{r}. Jonathan Bowman decēd formerly belonging to m^{r}. Parminter decēd and the land of M^{r}. Ingersoll decēd formerly belonging to said Thornton, and the Depon^{t}. further saith that the Shed now belonging to m^{r}. Thomas Bentley and the Wharffe under the same is the same Shop and [**241.**] Wharff that was improved by the said Hunt forty six years past, and stands (according to this Deponents best remembrance) now exactly as it did then, and further that the said Wharff and Shop was forty six years ago look'd upon as an old Wharff and Shop, and the Deponent verily believes the said Wharff was built a great number of years before m^{r}. Hunt possessed the same. And the Deponent further saith that there was a Water course between the land of said Bowman and the said Wharff and Land formerly of said Thomas Hunt, which for upwards of forty years he has known has been claimed as a Town Slip and always improved as such which run down by

the side of said Wharff, and according to this Deponent's best remembrance was seven or eight feet or more in wedth.

his
JOHN H BISH
mark

Suffolk ss. Boston March 23d. 1753

Mr. John Bish appearing made solemn oath that the aforewritten Deposition [242.] by him Subscribed contains the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, take in perpetuam rei memoriam.

EDWD. HUTCHINSON } Justices of the Peace
JOHN STEEL } Quorum Unus

Benjamin Storer aged about sixty-six Years, declareth and saith that upwards of thirty eight Years ago he lived at the Northerly part of Boston and well knew the Blacksmith's Shop and Wharffe occupied by mr. Thomas Hunt late of Boston Blacksmith deceased, which he then understood late belonged to mr. Timothy Thornton which Wharff &c. is now standing according to the Deponent's best remembrance as it did then and was then look'd upon as an old Wharff and Shop, it having been built a great number of years before the Deponents remembrance. And is the same Wharffe that mr. Thomas Bentley now owns and improves lying between the Land of Jonathan Bowman decēd. and the Land of mr. Ingersol. and the Deponent further saith, that upwards [243.] of thirty eight years past and ever since there was a slip of land between the said Wharff and the land of mr. Bowman which was called a Town Slip and has been claimed as such ever since the Deponent's remembrance, and run down to the North ward of mr. Bentley's land, and this Deponent verily believes the same slip was seven or eight feet wide.

his
BENJAMIN B S STORER
mark

Suffolk ss. Boston March 23d. 1750.

Mr. Benjamin Storer appearing made solemn Oath that the aforewritten Deposition by him Subscribed contains the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth. taken in perpetuam rei memoriam.

Before EDWD. HUTCHINSON } Justices of the Peace
JOHN STEEL } Quorum Unus

William Pratt Aged about fifty eight Years testifieth and saith that upwards of twenty years ago he built a Wharff for, [244.] mr. Jonathan Bowman on land lying between mr. Ruddock's land, and land formerly of Thomas Hunt decēd, and when he was building said Wharff he advised mr. Bowman (as he had timber long enough) to build the Wharff over & adjoin the same to said mr. Hunt's Wharff to which mr. Bowman replied there was a Slip of Land between him and mr. Hunt that belonged to the Town, and he shou'd not build a Wharff for the Town altho' he had timber enough and to spare, but that he would lay some Timber accross and only put planks upon them for their own convenience which he could remove when he pleased, and the Deponent

at the said Bowman's desire put the Timbers accross and laid plank on them which are now to be seen adjoining to Land formerly of said Hunt but now belonging to m^r^. Thomas Bentley.

WILLIAM PRATT

Suffolk, ss. Boston, March 23^d^. 1750

M^r^. Willm. Pratt appearing made solemn Oath that the Deposition aforewritten by him [**245.**] Subscribed contains the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, in perputuam rei memoriam.

Before EDW^D^. HUTCHINSON } Justices of the Peace
JOHN STEEL } Quorum Unus

At a Meeting of the Select men April 5th. 1751.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esq.
M^r^. Grant
M^r^. Holmes

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of 4/4 p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		9 -	15½
Wheaten		14 -	14½
House hold	1 -	3 -	13
Two penny White Loaf - - - - -	1 -	3 -	13
Wheaten	1 -	13 -	12½
House hold	2 -	7 -	10½
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	9 -	4
Household	7 -	16 -	15½
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	11 -	2 -	8
House hold	14 -	13 -	15

[**246.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 17th 1751.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esq.
John Steel Esqr.
m^r^ Grant
m^r^. Hill
m^r^. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^r^. Holmes

Whereas the Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Boston for the County of Suffolk the first Tuesday of April ins^t^. desired the Select men of this Town to meet them at the Court house, which they accordingly did, and were then informed by said Court that there was a necessity of having a Gallows erected in some proper place in the County for the Execution of a Negro Girl now in Boston Goal under Sentence of Death, and that it was usual to have the Gallows in the Shire Town of the County, desiring the Select men would consider of some suitable place for erecting

a Gallows accordingly, and that they would there upon give Notice to the Sheriff of the County of the [247.] place by them appointed for that purpose that so he may proceed in erecting the same at the expence of the County. And the Select men having since taken the same into Consideration judge that the peice of Land belonging to the Town on the West side of the Neck consisting of a small knowl a little beyond the Fortification is a suitable place for erecting a Gallows, and hereby give Liberty to the Sheriff to erect the same there accordingly, the said Gallows to remain there during the pleasure of the Town.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 8th. 1751

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
mr. Holmes

Elisha Brown from Cambridge a Trader appeared and desired to be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town. [248.] The Selectmen apprehending he has bro't with him a sufficiency to answer the Law, and he being well recommended. Voted, that he be admitted an Inhabitant of this Town accordingly.

The Select men having received directions from the Honble. Edward Hutchinson Esqr. Judge of the Probate of Wills &c. for the County of Suffolk to make inquiry into the ability of Simeon Stoddard of Boston Gentleman, and to discover with him or otherwise whether he is a non Compos, Lunatic or distracted Person and not capable to manage his own Estate. The Select men having made enquiry into the Premisses and examined the said Simeon, Voted, that they are of opinion he has many intervals of Lunacy and not capable of managing his own Affairs, and did Report accordingly.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant, directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders & other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their Precincts) [249.] that have an Estate of forty shillings p. annum of Free hold in land within this Province or Territory at least or other Estate of the value of Forty Pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil Hall upon Tuesday the fourteenth day of May inst. at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to elect and depute one or more Persons (being Freeholders and resident in the Town) according to the Number set and limited by the Act of the General Assembly to serve for and represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be convened held and kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the twenty ninth day of said May, and so de die in diem during their Session & Sessions according to a Precept under the hand and Seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the thirtieth day of April in the twenty fourth Year of His Majesty's Reign Annoq. Dom. 1751.

And alike requiring them to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants [**250.**] of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to consider of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants that the Town would give orders that the Encroachments made on their highway leading from Hudson Point Southwesterly to the Mill Stream by m^r^. Gees Building yard called Ferry way, may be remov'd and said Way repaired. The Petition of George Lamotte that he may have liberty to erect a small Building for the Sale of Fish at the head of the Town Dock. Of the Petition of James Fairservice &c. that all Hay & Sand brought to Market for Sale may be put under a proper Regulation. Of the Petition of William Larrabee and John Ruddock for an Abatement of sundry Taxes committed to them to collect in the Years 1747, 1748, & 1749. To choose a Committee to prosecute any Person or Persons that have made Encroachments on their Lands near Fort-hill, or any other part of the Town; Also a Committee to enquire into the State of Winnisimit Ferry, and whether the Town will Lease out the Same, and of the State of the North Granary house, and what [**251.**] is best to be done concerning it. To determine what Salaries shall be given to the several School masters and Ushers of the Town the current year. To Grant such Sums of Money as may be judged needful for the relief of the poor and defreying other necessary Charges. To receive the Reports of the Town's Committees on several Affairs, to choose such Officers as are wanting and Act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 15. 1751.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^r^. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Gardner
m^r^. Holmes

Upon Application made by Martha Colton Widow who is lately removed or about to remove from this Town to [**252.**] Cambridge the Select men gave her the following Certificate.

Boston, May 15. 1751.

This may Certify, whom it may concern that the bearer hereof Martha Colson Widow is an Inhabitant of the Town of Boston, and as she is about to go to the Town of Cambridge we agree in behalf of the said Town of Boston, that if she is warn'd out of said Town of Cambridge, we will receive her as an Inhabitant again Witness our hands the day above.

THOMAS HANCOCK
SAM. GRANT
THO^S^ HILL
JOHN GARDNER
JOSHUA HENSHAW
GEORGE HOLMES
} Select men

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 27th. 1751.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize [**253.**] of Bread at the rate of four shillings p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, Vizt.

	l. - oz. - dr.
of penny White Loaf	10 - 11½
Wheaten	1 - 0 - 2
Household	1 - 5 - 7
Two penny White Loaf	1 - 5 - 7
Wheaten	2 - 0 - 4
Household	2 - 10 - 14
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	6 - 0 - 12
Household	8 - 0 - 10
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	12 - 1 8
Household	16 - 1 - 4

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 12. 1751.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Mr. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
mr. Holmes

[**254.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified, rateable at twenty Pounds each to a single rate (besides the poll) to Convene at Faneuil-Hall on Friday the fourteenth day of June inst. at four o'Clock, in the afternoon to determine whether the Town will preferr a Petition to the Great & General Court now sitting, praying that the Sum of Nine hundred twenty-six Pounds seven shillings and ten pence being a quarter part of the Charge of building the Court house, and which they are ordered to pay by said Court may be remitted, and do whatever else may be judged necessary concerning the same.

Voted, That the Visitation of the Publick Schools in this Town pursuant to the Vote and Order of the Inhabitants at their Meeting the fourteenth of May last be [**255.**] attended on Wednesday the nineteenth day of June currt. and the following Gentn. be desired to accompany the Select men in the said Visitation, vizt.

The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Honble. John Wheelwright Esqr.
The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
The Honble. Thomas Hutchinson Esqr.

The Honble. Stephen Sewall Esqr.
The Gent^{n}. the Rep^{ves}. of Boston
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall DD.
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Thomas Prince
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. William Welsteed
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Mather
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Mather Byles
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
M^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. William Salter
M^{r}. Edward Bromfield
M^{r}. James Boutineau
M^{r}. John Barrett
[256.] M^{r}. David Jeffries
Capt. Hugh Mc Daniel

Ordered that Mr. Savell give seasonable Notice to the several Gentlemen of this appointment and that they be desired to meet at Faneuil-Hall at eight o'Clock in the morning of said day, and that he acquaint the several School masters therewith.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 19th. 1751

Present

John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^{r}. Holmes.

The Select men according to appointment this day visited the public Schools in the Town accompanied by the following Gent^{n}. vizt.

The Honble. { Jacob Wendell Esqr.
John Wheelwright Esqr.
Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Thos. Hutchinson Esqr.
Stephen Sewall Esqr. }

[257.] The Gent^{n}. the Representatives of Boston
The Rev^{d}. D^{r}. Joseph Sewall
M^{r}. Thomas Prince
M^{r}. William Welsteed
M^{r}. Samuel Mather
M^{r}. Mather Byles
M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
M^{r}. Middlecott Cooke
Capt. William Salter
M^{r}. Edward Bromfield
M^{r}. James Boutineau
M^{r}. John Barratt

Mr. David Jeffries
Capt Hugh Mc Daniel.

and found that in the South Grammar School there were one hundred and twenty Scholars, in the South writing School two hundred and seventy scholars, in the Writing School in Queen street there were ninety Scholars in the North Grammar School forty nine Scholars in the North writing School Two hundred and sixty five Scholars all in very good Order.

[258.] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 24, 1751.

Present
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Holmes

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		10-	11½
Wheaten	1-	0-	2
House hold	1-	5-	7
Two Penny White Loaf	1-	5-	7
Wheaten	2-	0-	4
House hold	2-	10-	14
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	6-	0-	12
House hold	8-	0-	10
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	12-	1-	8
House hold	16-	1-	4

[259.] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 18th. 1751.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Mr. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Holmes

The Select men pass'd upon the List of Persons licenced the last Year to Sell strong drink both as Innholders and Retailers within this Town, and also pass'd upon the following Petitions for Licences. Vizt.

(Omission on pages 259, 260, 261)

[262.] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 29th. 1751.

Present
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
mr. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
mr. Holmes

Ordered, That the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, Viz[t]

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		10-	11½
Wheaten	1-	0-	2
House hold	1-	5-	7
Two penny White Loaf	1-	5-	7
Wheaten	2-	0-	4
House hold	2-	10-	14
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	6-	0-	12
Household	8-	0-	10
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	12-	1-	8
House hold	16-	1-	4

[**263.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, August 13th. 1751.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq[r].
m[r] Grant
m[r]. Hill
m[r]. Gardner
Joshua Henshaw Esq.
m[r]. Holmes

This day the Select men delivered the Boat called the Rainsford lately built by the Province for the use of their Hospital on Rainsford Island to m[r]. James Hamilton keeper of said Hospital and took his Receipt for the same as on file, and at the same time gave him the following Orders in Writing for his direction viz[t].

Boston, August 13th. 1751.

M[r]. James Hamilton,

You having this day received the Boat named the Rainsford lately built at the charge of the Province for the use of the Hospital on Rainsford's Island. We hereby direct and order that you take said Boat and carry her down to said Island, & there take particular care of her in Mooring her [**264.**] at such a distance from the Island as that she may be secured from any Storms or Weather that may happen so far as it is in your power, and that she be at all times kept clean and ready upon the first notice to take in such sick Persons as from time to time there may be occasion for, and do any other Service that may be necessary for the said Hospital or the Sick there, and that you do not employ her in any Business but the use of the Hospital.

SELECT MEN OF BOSTON.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 21. 1751. ——

Present

John Steel Esq[r].
m[r]. Grant
m[r] Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esq[r].
m[r]. Holmes.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up [**265.**] an assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz-	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9-	4
Wheaten		13-	14
House hold	1-	2-	8
Two penny White Loaf	1-	2-	8
Wheaten	1-	11-	12
House hold	2-	5-	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	3-	4
House hold	6-	15-	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10-	6-	8
House hold	13-	14-	

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace and the Select men of Boston, August——— 1751

A Ward on Boston Neck upon the Lord's days was then ordered and appointed from and after the date hereof untill the ——— day of October next ensuing inclusive as has been customary heretofore, and a Warrant was issued accordingly, [**266.**] and is in the words following vizt.

Boston ss. To each and every of the Constables of the Town of Boston. Greeting.

Whereas by an Act of the Great & General Court pass'd in the eleventh Year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William III Entitled An Act for keeping of Watches in Towns, It is Enacted, "that from time to time when and so often as a Military Watch shall not be ordered and appointed to be kept, the Justices of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are Impowered & authorized to direct and order a suitable Watch or Watches to be set up and kept &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lord's day & other days as they shall think needful, and to appoint the Number whereof such Watch and Ward shall consist, and the time for the beginning and continuance of the same, and the Constable or Constables of the Town having orders accordingly given them in Writing by the Justices & Select men are thereby Impowered and required from time to time to warn such Watch & Ward respectively and to see that all persons so warned by them do attend and observe [**267.**] their duty in that regard." And whereas the said Justices & Select men are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lord's day (especially at this Season of the Year) by loose vain Persons servants negroes &c. unnecessarily travelling or walking to and from Boston and Roxbury with neglect of attending on the public Worship of God in either place & bringing from the Neighbouring Towns corn apples and other Fruit of the Earth to the great disturbance of the public peace & scandal of our christian Profession.

It is therefore Ordered by the said Justices and Select men that from and after the date hereof and untill the —— day of

October next ensuing inclusive, the Constables of and within the town of Boston & every of them by turns do warn and appoint eight meet and sober persons Inhabitants of the said Town on the Lord's day to ward on the Neck or Highway between Boston and Roxbury at some convenient place near the line of Defence, four of said Persons are to give their Attendance there from seven o'Clock in the [**268.**] morning untill half an hour after twelve at noon, and there to be relieved by the other four who are there to continue upon duty untill the Dusk of the Evening, and the Constable or Constables are to take care in Warning thereof, that such Ward do not consist of all or the greatest part Youths, but that some able householders or other sufficient persons be joined with them. And the said Constables are hereby enjoined to give in charge to such Ward to prevent and suppress such disorders, to examine all Passengers and restrain them from Disporting Idle or unnecessary travel on the Lord's day. And if any Person or Persons be rude refractory or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the occasion of their travelling or otherwise misbehave themselves, to take them up, and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace or return their Names to such Justice in order to their being examined & proceeded against according to the nature of their offence as Prophaners of the Lord's day.

Given under our hands & Seals at Boston the —— day of August, in the twenty fifth year of His Majesty's Reign. Annoq Dom[i] 1751.

[**269.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Sep[t]. 25. 1751.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esq[r].
John Steel Esq[r].
M[r]. Grant
M[r]. Hill
M[r]. Holmes

Voted that the Select men of Dorchester be served with a Copy of the Agreement made between them and the Select men of Boston relating to Jonathan Chandler who came from Dorchester to live in this Town as entred with the Select men's Records, August 26, 1736.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at four shillings & eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows viz[t]

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	4
Household	1 -	2 -	8
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12
Household	2 -	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4
Household	6 -	15 -	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	8
Household	13 -	14 -	0

[270.] At a Meeting of the Select men, Septr. 30th. 1751.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
M^{r}. Gardner
M^{r}. Holmes

A Committee of the Select men, vizt m^{r}. Grant m^{r}. Hill m^{r}. Gardner m^{r}. Henshaw and m^{r}. Holmes viewed the New way called Ferry way by Charles River as repaired by m^{r}. Ruddock and others and approve of the same.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 22 1751 —

Present

(omission of names)

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushel for [271.] Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and livelihood which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	14
Household	1 -	2 -	8
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12
Household	2 -	5	
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4
Household	6 -	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	8
Household	13 -	14	

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 11, 1751

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Gardner

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston. In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified rateable at [272.] Twenty pounds Estate to a single rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Friday the fifteenth day of November cur^{t}. at three o'Clock in the afternoon to choose collectors of Taxes for the present year in the room of such Persons as were chose in March last & refuse to Serve.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 13, 1751.

Present

(omission)

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges [**273.**] Pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	14
Household	1 -	2 -	8
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12
Household	2 -	5 -	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4
Household	6 -	15 -	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	8
Household	13 -	14 -	

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^{ry} 6, 1752

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^{r}. Holmes

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood [**274.**] which is Computed as follows Viz^{t}.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	15½
Wheaten		14 -	14½
Household	1 -	3 -	13
Two Penny White Loaf	1 -	3 -	13
Wheaten	1 -	13 -	12½
House hold	2 -	7 -	10½
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	9 -	4
House hold	7 -	6 -	15½
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	11 -	2 -	8
Household	14 -	13 -	15

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan'ry 15, 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr
m^{r}. Holmes

M^{r}. Josiah Baker Master of the Copper Engine kept by the old north Meeting house resigning his office as Master of said Engine. and m^{r}. Joseph Glidden being present was admitted and approved of as Master thereof in the [**275.**] said Bakers Head and he is allowed the following Men, vizt.

Joseph Glidden
Jon^{a}. Tarbox
Walter Edmonds

Elias Robinson
Henry Newhall
John Newhall
Willm. Burbeck
Nathl. Woodward
Edwd. Richards
John Robinson
James Barnard
William Page &
Caleb Hacker

and the Town Clerk is directed to give him the usual orders and Directions in Writing as soon as may be.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Jan^{ry} 22^{d}. 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^{r}. Holmes

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers [**276.**] for their Charges pains & Livelihood which is Computed as follows vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	14
Household	1 -	2 -	8
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12
Household	2 -	5 -	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4
Household	6 -	15 -	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	8
Household	13 -	14	

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majestys Justices of the Peace, the Gentlemen the Select men and Overseers of the Poor within the Town of Boston on Wednesday the fifth day of February A.D. 1752

Present

Justices of the Peace:
The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Samuel Welles Esqr.
Dan. Henchman Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.

[**277.**]

Select men:
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Samuel Grant
m^{r}. Thomas Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^{r}. George Holmes

Overseers of the Poor
The Honble. And^{w}. Oliver Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
m^{r}. Ebenezer Storer
m^{r}. John Franklyn
m^{r}. Joseph Sherburn
m^{r}. John Tudor

A General Walk or Visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Tuesday the eleventh day of February ins^{t}. at nine o'Clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if not then on Friday following being the fourteenth instant. And it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil-Hall at five o'Clock in the Evening of said day of Visitation to report the state of the Town &c.

[278.] The Order or Sortment as follows, Viz^{t}.

Ward, Number One
The Honble. Edward Hutchinson Esqr.
m^{r}. George Holmes
Capt. Ebenezer Storer
m^{r}. John Knecland
Capt. Nathl. Greenwood
m^{r}. John Ruddock
m^{r}. John Breck
Daniel Collins Constable

Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esqr.
m^{r}. John Barrett
Capt. Jon^{a}. Snelling
Capt. Alex^{r}. Sears
Capt. John Goldthwait
Capt. Nathl. Barber
Uriel Rea, Constable

Ward, Number Three
John Steel Esqr
M^{r}. John Tudor
[279.] M^{r}. David Jenkins
M^{r}. Thos. Greenough
M^{r}. Gammon Stevens
M^{r}. Joseph Gardner
Daniel Bell, Constable

Ward, Number Four
Abiel Walley Esqr.
M^{r}. John Franklyn
M^{r}. John Scollay
M^{r}. Jacob Parker
M^{r}. John Jones
Capt. Nathl. Allen
John Doane, Constable

Ward. Number Five
William Tyler Esqr.
Danl Henchmen Esqr.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^{r}. James Pitts
M^{r}. John Winslow

Dr. Joseph Jackson
John Watts, Constable
[280.] Ward, Number Six
John Phillips Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Green
Mr. Benja. Dolbeare
Mr. William Fairfield
Mr. Samuel Savage
Mr. Richard Billings
Josiah Waters, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
Jacob Royall Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Sherburn
Mr. Jona Payson
Capt. Henry Berry
Mr. Peter Chardon
Mr. John Welsh
Andrew Campbell, Constable
Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Edward Bromfield
Mr. David Jeffries
Mr. John Spooner
Mr. James Boutineau
Mr. Ebenezer Holmes
Samuel Procter, Constable
[281.] Ward, Number Nine
The Honble. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Joseph Russell
Capt. Samuel. Hughes
Mr. Peter Oliver
Mr. Jona. Williams
Samuel Bass Junr. Constable
Ward, Number Ten
The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Jeremiah Green Esqr.
Capt. James Scutt
Doctr. Sylvester Gardner
mr. Joseph Dowes
mr. Willm. Bowdoin
Joseph Payson, Constable
Ward, Number Eleven
The Honble. Thos. Hubbard Esqr.
Capt. William Salter
mr. Edmund Quincy
mr. Thomas Flucker
mr. Stephen Greenleaf
mr. Hopestill Foster
John Crosley, Constable

[282.] Ward, Number Twelve
The Honble. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
M^r. Thomas Hill
M^r. Thomas Foster
M^r. Thomas Downe j^r.
M^r. Samuel Adams
M^r. William Coffin
Obadiah Curtis, Constable

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copies of the above Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^ry. 24, 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^r. Holmes

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of [283.] four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf - - - - - -		9 -	4
Wheaten - - - - - - -		13 -	14
House hold - - - - - - -	1 -	2 -	8
Two Penny White Loaf - - - - - -	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten - - - - - - -	1 -	11 -	12
House hold - - - - - -	-	2 -	5
Six Penny Wheaten Loaf - - - - -	5 -	3 -	4
House hold - - - - - -	6 -	15 -	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf - - -	10 -	6 -	8
House hold - - - - -	13 -	14 -	

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 2^d. 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^r. Holmes

Ordered, that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of [284.] Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forth with to warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified and rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single Rate (beside the Poll) to Convene at Faneuil Hall on Wednesday the ninth day of March current at nine

o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to nominate and choose meet Persons to serve the Town the Year ensuing, as Select men, Town Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables, and other necessary Officers as the Law directs, to Grant such Sums of Money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the poor and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the towns Committees on several Affairs. To act upon the List of Jurors, to appoint a Committee to visit the Schools to Choose Auditors of the Accounts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, to determine what premium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, and what time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements thereof; to receive & examine the Accounts of the Granary, to consider of [**285.**] the petition of Dr. Sylvester Gardiner that he may have a lease of the lands at the bottom of the Common. The petition of sundry Inhabitants that the Bell at the Revd. Messrs. Welsteed and Gray's Meeting house may be rung at eleven o'Clock in the forenoon. The Petition of Nathaniel Barber as Admor to the Estate of Capt. Benjamin Edwards and of John Grant that sundry Taxes committed to them to Collect may be abated.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants that Faneuil Hall Market may be shut up for so long time as the Town shall judge for their Interest; to determine whether the way leading from Orange Street between the Dwelling houses of Capt. Craister and Mr. Clough to the highway leading to the Common is a public Highway, whether a porch shall be built at the South entrance of the Grammar School whereof Mr. John Lovell is Master & what is best to be done with the Town's Lands and Buildings at the head of the Dock formerly Leased to mr. John Dolbeare whose term therein is expired; to give in [**286.**] Reasons to the General Court why the Bridge leading over Neponsit River be not to be a County Bridge and maintain'd by the County; to consider what Salaries shall be given to the Masters & Ushers of the Public Schools the ensuing Year, to choose Jurors for April Court, and also act upon all such Matters and Things as stand reffer'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 4, 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

This day the Select men Let to Mr. John Wardell of Boston Wheelwright the Engine erected at the South end of the Town for the weighing of Hay with all the Profits Benefits and Advantages arising by the weighing of Hay for the space of two Years to begin from the first day of June [**287.**] last he paying for the same Twenty Pounds Lawful money for each year, & also paying to Mr. John Blake the Rent of the Land whereon the said Engine stands for the said two years, and keep & deliver up the said Engine in good repair at the expiration of the said two years.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 20, 1752

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
m^{r}. Holmes
Capt. Jackson

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread as the same is now stated for direction to the Bakers & Clerks of the Markett being as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9	4
Wheaten		13	14
Household	1	2	8
Two penny White Loaf	1	2	8
Wheaten	1	11	12
[288.] Household		2	5
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	4
Household	6	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	8
Household	13	14	

Computed at four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first letter of their Christian Names and with the first and last Letters of their Sirnames.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 12th. 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
m^{r}. Holmes

In consideration of the many now sick with the small Pox in this Town.

[289.] Voted. that the Bells be omitted ringing at nine, five and one o'Clock, and that there be but one Bell toll'd at any Funeral untill further Orders.

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 22^{d}. 1752

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Whereas the small Pox and a Malignant Fever now prevails in Town and several Persons have died of those distempers, and as these distempers are very infectious the Select men judge it will be for the safety of the Inhabitants and may tend to prevent the

spreading of said fever if such persons as die of it be immediately after their decease put into a tarr'd sheet and bury'd the Evening after their decease and without the usual solemnities of a Funeral. Voted that Orders be given to the several Sextons and Grave diggers that as soon as they shall hear of any [290.] Persons dying either of the small pox or fever, that they go to the houses of such deceased Persons and inform their Relations or those that have the care of them that they be directly put into a tarr'd Sheet, and buryed in the above manner, and Orders were given them in Writing accordingly

Voted, that Thomas Hancock Esqr. be desired to put in repair that side of Beacon hill next to M^{r}. Gerrish's in the best manner he can.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

		lb.	oz.	dr.
	Of penny White Loaf		9	15½
	Wheaten		14	14½
	Household	1	3	13
	Two penny White Loaf	1	3	13
	Wheaten	1	13	12½
	Household	2	7	10½
	Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5	9	4
	Household	7	16	15½
[291.]	Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	11	2	8
	Household	14	13	15

At a Meeting of the Select men, April 30, 1752.

Present

(Omission)

This day the Select men signed the following agreement with the heirs of John Dolbeare deceased to apprize the Building erected by him on the Town's land at the head of the Town Dock Viz^{t}.

Boston, April 30th.

Whereas on the thirty first day of May Anno Dom. 1727 the Select men of the Town of Boston did lease unto John Dolbeare late of said Boston Brazier deceased, all that peice of land belonging to said Town situate near Dock Square, and bounded Westerly on said Dock Square there meas^{es}. thirty feet, Northerly on a Shop called Dolbeare's nineteen feet nine inches, then running upon an angle into the dock, on said Dolbeare thirteen feet ten inches, and from that [292.] Angle upon the Dock Southeasterly running twenty eight. And in and by said Lease the Parties agreed that the Buildings that shou'd be erected by said Dolbeare on said demised Premisses that should be standing thereon at the expiration of the Lease should be apprized by five Free holders indifferent persons without any regard to the place or situation of the same on which said Buildings was erected which apprized value the Town of Boston should allow and pay unto said Dolbeare his Excōrs, Admōrs or Assigns as by said Lease reference

thereto being had will more fully appear. And whereas said Dolbeare's term in said Lease is expired. This Writing therefore Witnesseth that we the Subscribers vizt. Thomas Hancock, John Steel, Samuel Grant, Thomas Hill, Joshua Henshaw George Holmes and Joseph Jackson present Select men of the Town of Boston and Benj^{a}. Dolbeare & William Clark for themselves and the other heirs of said John Dolbeare deceased, have agreed and we do hereby agree that m^{r}. Thomas Greene Capt. John Goldthwait, Capt. Joseph Russell, m^{r}. Thomas Atkins & m^{r}. William Moore who are Freeholders and indifferent persons, shall value & [**293.**] Apprize the Buildings erected by said John Dolbeare now standing on said land without any regard to the place or situation of the same and that we will respectively abide by their determination and value set upon the same.

Witness our hands

THOMAS HANCOCK
JOHN STEEL
SAM^{L}. GRANT
THOMAS HILL
JOSHUA HENSHAW
GEORGE HOLMES
JOSEPH JACKSON

BENJ^{A}. DOLBEARE
WILLIAM CLARK

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 6, 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the [**294.**] Town of Boston (within their Precincts) that have an Estate of forty shillings p. annum of Freehold in land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the value of Forty Pounds Sterling to convene at Faneuil-Hall on Tuesday the twelfth day of May inst. at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then and there to elect and depute one or more persons (being Freeholders & resident in the Town) according to the number set and limited by an Act of the General Court to serve for and represent them in a Great and General Court or Assembly appointed to be convened held and kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court house in Concord upon Wednesday the twenty seventh day of May and so die in diem during their Session and Sessions according to a precept under the hand and Seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the twentieth day of April in the Twenty fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, Annoq Domini 1752. And alike requiring them to Warn all the Free holders & other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs [**295.**] to meet at the same time and place to consider of the Pe-

tition of sundry Inhabitants to prevent so great a number of persons selling strong drink in this Town as now do, of the Petition of many others that Faneuil Hall Market may be continued shut up of the Petition of Isaac Dupee, Solomon Kneeland and others relating to their Lands near Oliver's Dock. of the Petition of James Fairservice that a suitable Person may be appointed to Sweep Chimnies under such Regulations as the Town think proper; to consider what application is necessary to be made to the General Court to relieve the Town under their present distressing Circumstances, to grant such Sums of money, as may be judged needful for the relief of the Poor and defreying other necessary Charges to receive the Reports of the Town's Committee on several Affairs to choose such Officers as are wanting and act upon all such other matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

Voted that the several Sextons and [**296.**] Grave diggers be directed to give in to the Select men an Account every week of the Persons dying with the Small Pox either by Innoculation or the other way.

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 18th. 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

This day the Select men waited on the right honourable Alexander Lord Colvill, Commander of His Majesty's Ship Success and pursuant to the Vote of the Town at their Meeting the 12th instt. presented him with thanks of the Town for his Services done to the Town and good Conduct here since he has been upon this Station, and at the same time gave him a Copy of the Vote, to which he returned the following answer to the Select men, Vizt.

Gentlemen,

I am extremely sensible of the Honor done me by the Metropolis of [**297.**] America, and had I known Six Months ago how well the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of this great Town were affected towards me I would have applied to the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty to be continued on this Station, but as 'tis now too late, I can only say, that whenever the American Stations are to be releived I shall think myself happy if I can return to a Country which has already given me such marks of esteem & regard.

Boston, May 18. 1752 COLVILL

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 27, 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and [**298.**] Livelihood which is Computed as follows vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	15½
Wheaten		14 -	14½
Household	1 -	3 -	13
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	3 -	13
Wheaten	1 -	13 -	12½
Household	2 -	7 -	10½
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	9 -	4
Household	7 -	6 -	15½
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	11 -	2 -	8
Household	14 -	13 -	15

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 17th. 1752.
Present
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——— ———
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their [**299.**] Charges pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9 -	4
Wheaten		13 -	14
Household	1 -	2 -	8
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	2 -	8
Wheaten	1 -	11 -	12
Household	2 -	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	3 -	4
Household	6 -	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	6 -	8
Household	13 -	14	

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 29th. 1752.
Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

This day, the Gentlemen appointed the 30th. of April last by the Select men & Heirs of John Dolbeare deceased to value the Buildings erected by him on the Town's land at the head of the Town Dock made the following Report vizt.

[**300.**] Boston, June 24th. 1752

Pursuant to the desire of the Gentlemen within named we the Subscribers have viewed the Buildings built by mr. John Dolbeare on the Town's land as within express'd and duly consider'd there of and we do value the same at the Sum of Two hundred Pounds Lawful money and which Sum we judge the Town of Boston ought to pay to the heirs of said Dolbeare there for.

Witness our hands

THOMAS GREENE
JOSEPH RUSSELL
JOHN GOLDTHWAIT
WILLIAM MOORE
THOMAS ATKINS

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 9, 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancoek Esqr.
mr. Grant
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the [**301.**] Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of Penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
House hold	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
House hold	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
House hold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
House hold	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 15, 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

Mr. John Powell having made a present to the Town for their use a Bushell Winchester measure from London, Voted, that the Select men return him thanks there for in behalf of the Town.

[**302.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 20th. 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
mr. Grant
mr. Hill

Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

The Select men pass'd upon the List of Persons licenced last year to sell strong drink both as Innholders & Retailers within this Town And also pass'd upon the following Petitions for Licences vizt.

(Omission.)

[**303.**] Memorandum. July 27, 1752

On the 23^{d}. and 24th. days of July instant, the Select men and Overseers of the Poor within this Town attended by several of the principal Inhabitants visited every Family in their respective Wards throughout the whole & took an exact account of the number of Persons that have had the small pox, either in the natural way or by innoculation since it first broke out in January last, and thereby it appears, that there have had it in the natural way.

Whites	5059	
Blacks	485	
	———	5544
Of whom died Whites	452	
Blacks	62	
	———	514
have had it by Innoculation.		
Whites	1970	
Blacks	139	
	———	2109
Of whom died whites	24	
Blacks	7	
	———	31

That no more than twenty three persons (and those in seventeen Families) are now sick with that distemper in Town and most of them upon recovery, and that there are but one hundred and seventy four [**304.**] Persons exposed to it, the greatest part of whom are Infants born since it began to spread, and others who were in Town the last time it was here and the time before, but do not remember to have had it tho' its very probable they have and the Small Pox they have and the Small Pox not being now in twenty Families the Select men according to Law directed the red flaggs to be hung out at all such places where it is, and such of the Inhabitants in whose houses the Small Pox may here after break out to give them immediate notice thereof. And the Select men direct that no person after this Day come into Town to be innoculated, for if they shou'd such will not be permitted to tarry here & have it but be sent back to the place they came from, or to the Province Hospital on Rainsford Island at their own expence.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 8th. 1752.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five [**305.**] Shillings p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf - - - - - -		8 -	11
Wheaten - - - - - - -		13 -	0½
House hold - - - - -	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf - - - -	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten - - - - -	1 -	10 -	1
House hold - - - -	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf - - - -	4 -	14 -	3
House hold - - - - -	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf -	9 -	14 -	6
House hold - -	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 24th. 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.

m^{r}. Grant

Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the constables of Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their precints) that have an Estate of forty shillings [**306.**] p. annum of Free hold in land within this Province or Territory at the least or other Estate to the value of forty pounds Sterling to Convene at Faneuil-Hall upon Friday the twenty eight day of August ins^{t}. at three o'Clock in the afternoon then and there to consider of the Petition of sundry Inhabitants relating to Faneuil Hall Markett, whether the same shall be now opened or continue shut up also to choose two Fire wards and Jurors for October Court.

At a Meeting of the Honble. His Majesty's Justices of the Peace & Select men of Boston, August ——— 1752.

A Ward on Boston Neck upon the Lords day was then ordered & appointed from and after the date hereof untill the ——— day of October next ensuing inclusive as has been customary hereto fore, and a Warrant was issu'd accordingly and is in the words following vizt.

Boston ss.

To each & every of the Constables of the Town of Boston, Greeting

Whereas by an Act of the Great and General [**307.**] Court, pass'd in the eleventh year of the Reign of His late Majesty King William III Entitled an Act for keeping of Watches in Towns.

It is Enacted "That from time to time when and so often as a Military watch shall not be ordered and appointed to be kept the Justices of the Peace together with the Select men of each Town within this Province are impower'd and authoriz'd to direct and or-

der a suitable Watch or Watches to be set up and kept &c. and also a Ward to be kept every Lord's day and other days as they shall think needful and to appoint the number where of such Watch and Ward shall consist, and the time for the beginning and continuance of the same, and the Constable or Constables of the Town having Orders accordingly given him or them in Writing by the Justices and Select men are there by impowered and required from time to time to Warn such Watch and Ward respectively, and to see that all persons so Warned by them do attend and observe their duty in that regard." And Whereas the said Justices and Select men are informed of frequent Prophanation of the Lord's day (especially at this Season of the Year) by loose vain persons Servants Negroes &c. unnecessarily travelling or walking to and from Boston & [**308.**] Roxbury with neglect of attending the public worship of GOD in either place and bringing from the neighbouring Towns Corn Apples and other Fruits of the Earth to the great disturbance of the public peace, and scandal of our Christian profession. It is there fore Ordered by the Said Justices and Select men that from and after the date here of and untill the ——— day of October next ensuing inclusive, the Constables of and within the Town of Boston and every of them by turns do warn and appoint eight meet & sober persons Inhabitants of the said Town on the Lord's day to ward on the Neck or highway between Boston and Roxbury at some convenient place near the line of Defence, four of said Persons are to give their Attendance there from seven o'Clock in the morning untill half an hour after twelve at Noon, and then to be relieved by the other four who are there to continue upon duty untill dusk of the Evening and the Constable or Constables are to take care in warning there of that such Ward do not consist of all or the greatest part youths but that some able House holders or other sufficient persons be joined with them, and the said Constables are here by enjoined to give in charge to such ward to prevent and suppress such disorders to examine all passangers and restrain [**309.**] them from disporting idle walking or unnecessary travel on the Lord's day, and if any such Person or Persons be rude refractory or shall refuse to give a satisfactory account of the occasion of their travelling or other wise misbehave themselves to take them up, and carry them before the next Justice of the Peace, or return their names to such Justice in order to their being examined and proceeded against according to the nature of their offence as Prophaners of the Lord's day.

Given under our hands and Seals at Boston the ——— day of August, in the twenty sixth Year of His Majesty's Reign Annoque Domini 1752.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Octr. 4, 1752.

Present

John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the

rate of five shillings & four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which [**310.**] is Computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	4
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 30th. 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings and four pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges [**311.**] pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		8 -	2
Wheaten		12 -	4
Household	1 -	0 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	0 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	8 -	8
Household	2 -	0 -	4
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	5 -	9
Household	6 -	0 -	12
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	8 -	11 -	2
Household	12 -	1 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novr. 22, 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Capt. Steel
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

Thomas Hancock Esqr. informed the Select men that he had purchased the pasture and Lands near Beacon hill which formerly belonged to Col^{o}. Samuel Shrimpton, that said Hill and a passage way to it belongs to the Town and as the [**312.**] Town's right and interest there is not fenced in or staked out it's uncertain how far the same extends. m^{r}. Hancock therefore desired the Select men would examine into the Town's lands there how far the same

extends and how it bounds that so the same might be setled and fenced in such a manner as that each may know and enjoy their respective lands and Interest there.

Voted that the Town Clerk prepare extracts from the deeds and records of the Town's lands on and near to the said Beacon-hill, and the highway leading up to it from the Common, that the Select men may lay out and fence in the same, that so the Town may for the future know the exact bounds of their lands and Interest there.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^{r}. 27. 1752.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of [**313.**] Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges Pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	lb.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Janr^{y} 3^{d}. 1753.

Present

m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Voted that Major Nathl. Thwing have liberty granted him to bake Wheaten bread for Sale, the same to weigh six ounces more than a four penny white Loaf at the same rate & so in proportion for other Loaves.

[**314.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, January 16th. 1753.

Present

Thomas Hancock Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Pursuant to the desire of Thomas Hancock Esqr. as entred the 22^{d} of November last, the Select men on the 28th of December last after having Searched the Town's records relating to the extent

of Centry hill, and the highway leading up to it from the Common, found that said Hill on which the Beacon stands and which belongs to and is the property of the Town is six rods square, and that the said highway leading up to the Hill from the Common between the land of John Alford Esqr. and the land now of Thomas Hancock Esqr. late Col^{o}. Samuel Shrimptons is thirty foot in wedth throughout the whole length and the Select men on said 28th of December stak'd out the contents and measures of the said Hill that so it may for the future be known what the Town's land & Interest there is.

[**315.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Janr^{y} 29 1753.

Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
m^{r}. Grant
m^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
Household	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
Household	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
Household	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Honourable His Majesty's Justices of the Peace, the Gent^{n} the Selectmen and Overseers of the poor [**316.**] within the Town of Boston on Wednesday the 14th day of February A.D. 1753.

Present
The Hon. Samuel Welles Esqr.
Thomas Hubbard Esqr.
Daniel Henchman Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
Justices of the Peace.
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr
M^{r}. Samuel Grant
M^{r}. Thomas Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Joshua Jackson
Select men.

The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
Capt. Eben^{r} Storer
Mr. John Barrett
M^{r}. John Tudor
M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
Overseers of the Poor.

A General walk or visitation of the Town was then agreed upon to be attended on Friday the sixteenth day of February ins^{t}. [**317.**] at nine o'Clock in the morning if the Weather be fair, if not then on Monday following being the nineteenth ins^{t}. and it is also agreed to meet at Faneuil Hall at five o'Clock in the Evening of the said day of Visitation to report the state of the Town &c.

The order or Sortment as follows, vizt.

Ward, Number One
John Steel Esqr.
Capt. Eben^{r}. Storer
m^{r}. John Kneeland
Capt. Nathl. Greenwood
M^{r}. John Ruddock
M^{r}. John Breck
Richard Walker, Constable
Ward, Number Two
John Fayerweather Esqr.
M^{r}. Samuel Grant
M^{r}. John Barrett
Capt. Jon^{a}. Snelling
Capt. Alex^{r}. Sears
Capt. Benj^{a}. Hammatt
M^{r}. William Thomas Const^{a}.
[**318.**] Ward, Number Three
Abiel Walley Esq.
M^{r}. John Tudor
M^{r}. David Jenkins
M^{r}. Thos Greenough
M^{r}. Gamnion Stevens
M^{r}. Joseph Gardner
Israel Eaton, Constable
Ward, Number Four
The Hon. John Jeffries Esqr.
William Tyler Esqr.
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
M^{r}. John Scollay
M^{r}. Saml. Edwards
M^{r}. James Pitts
M^{r}. David Jeffries
Capt. John Goldthwait
M^{r}. John Bridge, Constable
Ward Number Five
Daniel Henchman Esqr
Nathaniel Balston Esqr.
M^{r}. James Bowdoin

Capt. James Scutt
Mr. John Tyng
Mr. Joseph Lasinby
[319.] Ward, Number Six
John Phillips Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Greene
Mr. Benja. Dolbeare
Mr. William Fairfield
Mr. Saml Phillips Savage
Mr. Richard Billings
William Todd, Constable
Ward, Number Seven
Jacob Royall Esqr.
Mr. Joseph Sherburne
Mr. Jona. Payson
Mr. Peter Chardon
Mr. John Welsh
Capt. Hugh McDaniel
Mr. Harrison Gray
Ward, Number Eight
Joshua Winslow Esqr.
Mr. Edward Bromfield
Capt. Joseph Jackson
Mr. James Boutineau.
Mr. Ebenezer Holmes
Mr. Thomas Deering
Mr. John Provence, Constable
[320.] Ward, Number Nine
The Hon. Andrew Oliver Esqr.
Jonas Clarke Esqr.
Capt. Joseph Russell.
Mr. Peter Oliver
Capt. Samuel Hewes
Mr. Jona. Williams
Mr. John Armstrong Constb.
Ward, Number Ten
The Hon. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
Jeremiah Green Esqr.
Dr. Silvester Gardiner
Mr. Joseph Dowse
Mr. Edward Jackson
Mr. Thos. Oxnard
Mr. Thos. Cushing
Luke Roberts, Constable
Ward, Number Eleven
The Hon. Thos. Hubbard Esqr.
Richd. Bill Esqr.
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Thomas Flucker
Mr. John Spooner
Mr. Samuel Adams
Mr. John Winslow
Mr. Willm Roberts, Constable.

[321.] Ward, Number Twelve
The Hon°. Samuel Welles Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
M^r. Thomas Hill
M^r. John Avery
M^r. Thos Downe Esqr.
M^r. Hopestill Foster
M^r. Thomas Greene
M^r. William Coffin
M^r. John Patten Constable.

And the Town Clerk is directed to give forth Copies of the said Order or Sortment accordingly.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Feb^ry 26. 1753.
Present
John Steel Esqr.
M^r. Grant
M^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers [322.] for their Charges, Pains and Livelihood which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
House hold	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
House hold	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
House hold	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
House hold	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 5th. 1753.
Present
Thomas Hancock Esqr.
John Steel Esqr.
m^r. Grant
m^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constable of Boston. In His Majesty's Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the [323.] Free holders and other Inhabitants of the said Town duly qualified & rateable at Twenty Pounds Estate to a single rate besides the Poll to convene at Faneuil Hall on Monday the Twelfth day of March cur^t. at nine o'Clock in the forenoon, then & there to nominate and choose meet Persons to serve the Town the year ensuing as Select men, Town

Clerk, Overseers of the Poor, Firewards, Constables, and other necessary officers as the Law directs, to grant such Sums of money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the poor and defreying other necessary charges, to receive the Reports of the Town's Committees on several affairs, to act upon the list of Jurors, to appoint a Committee to visit the Schools, to choose Auditors of the Accompts of the Town Treasurer and Overseers of the Poor, to determine what preemium shall be allowed the Collectors of Taxes, and what time the Assessors may sit to make Abatements thereof to receive and examine the accounts of the Granary to consider what Salaries shall be given to the masters and Ushers of the Publick Schools of the Petition of many Inhabitants that the Town will determine upon a certain hour when [**324.**] they will take into Consideration the Sum to be rais'd for defreying their public Charges, also that for the future the Overseers of the poor annually exhibit to the Town a list of the Names of such persons as receive any part of the Town's Monies or any support from them, and that the committee who shall be choose to audit the accounts of the Select men Overseers of the poor and Town Treasurer, be expressly directed and impowered to inspect every particular account of the moneys expended for the use of the Almshouse and every other Branch of the public charges and that the same be printed, that so those who pay the Taxes may see how the extraordinary charge arises. The Petition of David Wheeler that the Town would sell or lease to him the pond at the South end called Wheeler's pond; the Petition of Abia Holbrook Master of the South writing School for additional assistance in instructing the Scholars, and that an allowance be made him for supplying them with Ink. The Petition of sundry inhabitants at the Southerly part of the Town, that a Water Engine may be provided and assigned for them, and that the Bell at the Rev^{d}. [**325.**] M^{r}. Byles's Meeting house be rung at such hours as may be judged necessary. The Petition of many others that Faneuil-Hall Markett may be opened. Also to consider what application is necessary to be made to the General Court that the Town may be abated such Taxes as have been usually paid by those of it's Inhabitants that the last Summer removed into the Country Towns to avoid the Small pox and paid Taxes there, of some Method, for raising monies to pay the heirs of M^{r}. John Dolbeare decēd for the Brick house he built on the Town's land agreeable to his Lease, to make provision for keeping Bulls on the Common. to choose Jurors for April Court and also to act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, March 26, 1753

Present

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing

[**326.**] Ordered that the Town Clerk, post up an Assize of

Bread as the same is now stated for direction to the Bakers and Clerks of the Market be as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9-	4
Wheaten		13-	14
Household	1-	2-	8
Two penny White Loaf	1-	2-	8
Wheaten	1-	11-	12
Household	2-	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	3-	4
Household	6-	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10-	6-	8
Household	13-	14-	

Computed at four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood and the several Bakers within this Town are ordered to mark their Bread which they Bake for Sale with the first Letter of their Christian Names, & with the first & last letters of their Sirnames.

[327.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 18th 1753

Present
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and two pence p. Bushell for Wheat & four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their charges pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, vizt

	l.	oz.	dr.
of penny White Loaf		10-	5
Wheaten		15-	7
Household	1-	4-	10
Two penny White Loaf	1-	4-	10
Wheaten	1-	14-	4
Household	2-	9-	3
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	12-	11
Household	7-	11-	9
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	11-	9-	6
Household	15-	7-	3

[328.] At a Meeting of the Select men, April 25 1753

Present
John Steel Esqr
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing

The Select men this day agreed with M^{r}. Onesiphorus Tilestone

to enlarge the Writing School in Queen Street where of M^r^. Samuel Holyoke is Master according to the Vote of the Town and compleatly finish the Carpenter's work of the same for the Sum of Seventy seven Pounds six shillings and eight pence.

The Select men also agreed with m^r^. Thos. Dawes to do the masonry work of the said School for the sum of Fifty pounds thirteen shillings and four pence.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four [**329.**] Shillings and six pence p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allow'd to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf	0-	9-	9
Wheaten		14-	7
Household	1-	3-	4
Two penny White Loaf	1-	3-	4
Wheaten	1-	12-	14
Household	2-	6-	10
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	6-	10
Household	7-	3-	14
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10-	13-	4
Household	14-	7-	2

At a Meeting of the Select men, May 9th. 1753.

Present

m^r^. Grant
m^r^. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^r^. Cushing

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of [**330.**] Boston, In His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Free holders and other Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston (within their precincts) to have an Estate of forty shillings p. annum of Free hold in land within this Province or Territory at the least, or other Estate to the Value of forty Pounds Sterling to convene at Faneuil Hall upon Tuesday the fifteenth day of May ins^t^. at nine o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to elect and depute one or more persons (being Free holders and resident in the Town) according to the number set and limited by an Act of the General Assembly to serve for and represent them in a Great & General Court or assembly appointed to be Conven'd and held & kept for His Majesty's Service at the Court house in Boston upon Wednesday the thirtieth day of said may, and so de die in diem during their Session & Sessions according to a precept under the hand & [**331.**] Seal of Benjamin Pollard Esqr. Sheriff of the County of Suffolk bearing date the thirtieth day of April in the twenty-sixth year of the Reign of His Majesty Annoq. Domini 1753. And alike requiring them to Warn all the Free holders and other Inhabitants of said Town qualified as the Law directs to meet at the same time and place to choose one Select men in the room of Thomas Hancock Esqr. who

declines serving, to consider of the Petition of Henry Atkins Esqr. and others, that the Town would Lease to them Deer Island for such a time and on such terms as may be judged proper, for enabling them to carry on the Fishery at Pullin Point; the Petition of the Committee of King's Chappel for liberty to build on the Town's land three Pillars with the Stone at the east end of the Chappel, the Petition of M^{r}. Samuel Holyoke that he may be continued Master of the [**332.**] Writing School in Queen Street, and have an Usher appointed to assist him, the Petition of M^{r}. Samuel Holbrook that he may be appointed Master of said School, the Petition of M^{r}. John Proctor jun^{r}. that he may be appointed Master of said School in case one shou'd be wanted there, to determine upon some method for raising monies to pay the Heirs of M^{r}. John Dolbeare deceased for the Buildings he erected on the Town's land at the head of the Dock, to grant such Sums of money as shall be judged needful for the relief of the poor and defreying other necessary Charges, to receive the Reports of the Town's Committees on several Affairs, to choose such Officers as are wanting and Act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

[**333.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 1st. 1753.

Present

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m^{r}. Cushing

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and six pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood Which is Computed as follows, vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9-	9
Wheaten		14-	7
Household	1-	3-	4
Two penny White Loaf	1-	3-	4
Wheaten	1-	12-	14
Household	2-	6-	10
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	6-	10
Household	7-	3-	14
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10-	13-	4
Household	7-	7-	12

[**334.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, June 13th. 1753.

Present

John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing

This being the day appointed by the Select men to Sell a Peice of land belonging to the Town at the Southerly part thereof including Wheeler's Pond &c. being bounded and measuring as follows, vizt. South-west on Pond Street forty seven feet South east on land of M^{r}. Thompson on a bevelling line ninety four feet including a passage way or Causway, North east on land of M^{r}. Benjamin Church forty six feet, and Northwest on land of M^{r}. Church and M^{r}. Adams there measuring one hundred and eight feet be the measures on either side more or less, or however [**335.**] otherwise bounded, the whole land that the Town has there, and no more, being hereby intended to be sold. And several persons appearing the Select men propos'd to Sell the same on the Conditions following, which were read in the hearing of the persons present, vizt. That said Land be put up at the price of Fifty Pounds, and struck off to the highest Bidder, not less than twenty shillings to be bid each time. 2dly. That the Purchaser pay down Six Pounds, and the remainder of the purchase Consideration to be paid in one Month after.

3dly. That the Selectmen will give a Deed thereof upon payment of said remainder, and Warrant it in behalf of the Town to the Purchaser and his heirs forever against all Persons that shall claim it. The same was struck off to M^{r}. David Wheeler of Boston Blacksmith at the price of Fifty one Pounds Lawful money he being the highest [**336.**] Bidder, and M^{r}. Wheeler paid down Six Pounds one shilling and four pence lawful money as part of the Consideration Money of said purchase. which M^{r}. Treasurer Jeffries received.

Voted that the Proprietors of Pullin Point for carrying on the Fishery there have liberty to take off Ballast from Deer Island, for the Fishing Schooners, untill the Selectmen shall order otherwise.

At a Meeting of the Select men, June 25th 1753.

Present.

M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

Voted that the Select men visit the public [**337.**] Schools in this Town on Friday the twenty ninth ins^{t}. and that the following Gentlemen be desired to accompany them there on, vizt.

The Honble. Josiah Willard Esqr.
The Honble. Jacob Wendell Esqr.
The Honble. Richard Bill Esqr.
The Honble. Stephen Sewall Esqr.
The Honble.Andrew Oliver Esqr.
The Gentlemen the Representatives of Boston
The Rev^{d}. Joseph Sewall D.D
The Rev^{d}. Charles Chauncy, D.D.
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Thomas Prince

The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Checkley jun^{r}.
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Andrew Eliot
The Rev^{d}. M^{r}. Samuel Cooper
Danl. Henchman Esqr.
Charles Apthorp Esqr.
Thomas Háncock Esqr.
John Hill Esqr.
John Phillips Esqr.
M^{r}. Edward Bromfield
M^{r}. Peter Chardon
M^{r}. Eben^{r}. Storer
M^{r}. Isaac Walker
[338.] M^{r}. John Barrett.
M^{r}. Joseph Sherburne
M^{r}. John Tudor
M^{r}. James Pitts
M^{r}. David Jeffries

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings & six pence p. Bushell for Wheat, & four pence p. Bushell is allow'd to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9	9
Wheaten		14	7
Household	1 -	3 -	4
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	3 -	4
Wheaten	1 -	12 -	14
Household	2 -	6 -	10
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5 -	6 -	10
Household	7 -	3 -	14
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10 -	13 -	4
House hold	14 -	7 -	12

[339.] At a Meeting of the Select men, July 19th. 1753.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
M^{r}. Grant
M^{r}. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^{r}. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

The Select men pass'd upon the Petitions for Licences for the year ensuing, and the following Persons were approved and recommended, vizt.

Innholder	
Elizabeth Irish,	Ship Street
Retailers	
John Wirling	D^{o}.
Eliz^{a}. Russell	D^{o}.
Thos. James Gruchy	D^{o}.
John Breck	D^{o}.
Anne Hudson	D^{o}.

	Robert Breck	Fleet Street
	Saml. Gooding	Ditto
	Joseph Candish	Ditto
[340.]	Edward Ewen	Henchman's lane
	Nathaniel Eddy	Cow lane
	Thomas Fillbrown	West[ly]. part Town
	Thomas Hill	South Street
	Christian Wainwright	Newbury Street
	Joseph Jackson	Orange Street
	Margaret Burch	Sea Street
	Kath[l]. Lorkin	Malborô Street
	Susanna Renken	Anne Street
	Joseph Dummett	Ship Street
	John Coffin	Essex Street
	William Moore	Newbury Street

At a Meeting of the Select men, July 30, 1753.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
M[r]. Grant
M[r]. Hill
Capt. Jackson
M[r]. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

A Petition of M[r]. Richard Green praying [341.] Liberty to open a School in this Town for teaching of Writing Arithmetick &c. being presented was read. And Voted that liberty be granted him accordingly.

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains & Livelihood, which is computed as follows, viz[t].

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9-	4
Wheaten		13-	14
House hold	1-	2-	8
Two penny White Loaf	1-	2-	8
Wheaten	1-	11-	12
House hold	2-	5	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	3-	4
House hold	6-	15-	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10-	6-	8
Household	13-	14	

[342.] At a Meeting of the Select men, August 1, 1753

Present
John Steel Esq[r].
M[r]. Grant
M[r]. Hill
Cap[t]. Jackson
M[r]. Cushing
Cap[t]. Hewes

Voted, that Mr. Samuel Holbrook be appointed Writing Master at the School in Queen Street, to be allowed Sixty Pounds p. annum, and also allowed to improve the School for his own advantage out of School hours, and to be entitled to the Perquisites of the School (the Fire money excepted)

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 22d. 1753.

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Mr. Cushing

Voted that a Draft be given on the Town Treasurer [**343.**] for Fifty three Pounds six shillings and eight pence Lawful money payable to Mr. Thomas Dawes junr in part for building the School house in Queen Street.

At a Meeting of the Select men, August 29, 1753.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is computed as follows vizt.

		l.	oz.	dr.
	Of penny White Loaf		9	4
	Wheaten		13	14
	Household	1	2	8
	Two penny White Loaf	1	2	8
	Wheaten	1	11	12
	Household	2	5	
[**344.**]	Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5	3	4
	Household	6	15	
	Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10	6	8
	Household	13	14	

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sept. 19th. 1753

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing

The Select men having make enquiry into the extraordinary Ex-

pence of the Town find that a considerable part of the Charges arise by means of the neglect of the Inhabitants in not informing the Select men or Town Clerk of such Inmates Boarders or Tenants as remove or come into this Town within the space of twenty days after they [**345.**] receive or entertain them, and thereby such persons become Inhabitants and are often so reduced in their Circumstances that the Town are obliged to support them, of which there have been and still are many such instances. Therefore to prevent this growing Charge, and that the Inhabitants may know their duty in this respect, Ordered that the following Clause of the Act of the Province, Entitled "An Act relating to the admission of Town Inhabitants be printed & dispersed vizt.

"Be it Enacted that the Inhabitants of the Several Towns within this Province who shall receive admit and entertain any Person or Persons not being Inhabitants of such Towns either as Inmates Boarders or Tenants in the house where such Person dwells or in any other house of his whatsoever within this Province, or under any other [**346.**] Qualifications for more than the space of twenty days, and shall not in writing under their hands give an Account to one or more of the Select men, or the Town Clerk of such Town, of all such Person or Persons so received admitted or entertained by them, with the time they first received them, and the place from whence they came last, together with their Circumstances as far as they can, shall for every such neglect, forfeit & pay the Sum of forty shillings, and they shall be liable to answer all charges that may arise in the said Town by receiving and entertaining such person or persons as aforesaid, to be recovered by the Town Treasurer or Select men, who are impowered to sue for the same."

The Select men there fore desire the Inhabitants to conform to the Act aforesaid; and they also hereby give notice that a suitable person is appointed to make strict enquiry after all strangers [**347.**] that come here, and the Persons who receive and entertain them, and all such as neglect giving Information thereof as required by the Act aforesaid may depend upon being prosecuted not only for the fine, but for all such Charges as may arise on their maintenance.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Sep^t. 24 1753

Present
John Steel Esqr.
M^r. Grant
M^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt Jackson
Capt. Hewes

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of four shillings and eight pence p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their [**348.**] Charges Pains and Livelihood which is Computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		9-	4
Wheaten		13-	14
Household	1-	2-	8
Two penny White Loaf	1-	2-	8
Wheaten	1-	11-	12
Household	2-	5-	
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	5-	3-	4
Household	6-	15	
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	10-	6-	8
Household	13-	14	

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 3d. 1753

Present
Mr. Grant
Mr. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr
Capt. Jackson

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence [**349.**] p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8-	11
Wheaten		13-	0½
Household	1-	1-	6
Two penny White Loaf	1-	1-	6
Wheaten	1-	10-	1
Household	2-	2-	12
Six penny White Loaf	4-	14-	3
Household	6-	8-	4
Twelve penny White Loaf	9-	12-	6
Household	13-	0-	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 10th 1753

Present
Mr. Hill
Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

This Year being the time according to Law for perambulating the bounds betwixt this Town and the Town of Roxbury [**350.**] It is hereby agreed upon and Voted that the Select men meet on Thursday the eighteenth inst. at the house of Mr. John Greaton in Roxbury in order to join with the Select men of Roxbury to run the line and renew the Bound marks between this Town and the said Town of Roxbury. and that the Town Clerk be directed to write a Letter to said Select men of Roxbury to notify them hereof, but if the weather should prove foul and unsuitable then to attend the same on the next day at ten o'Clock in the forenoon.

The Letter wrote and sent being as follows vizt.

Boston, October 10, 1753.

To the Select men of Roxbury
Gentlemen,

These are to give you notice that this Year is the time wherein according to Law we are required to run the boundary line betwixt this Town and the Town of Roxbury. You are therefore desired to appoint & impower a [**351.**] Committee to join with that of ours for the performance of that Service and that they meet us at the house of m^r^. John Greaton at the Sign of the Greyhound in Roxbury on Thursday the eighteenth day of October ins^t^. at ten o'Clock in the forenoon. The Persons appointed in behalf of this Town are the Select men vizt. John Steel Esqr. M^r^. Samuel Grant, M^r^. Thomas Hill, Joshua Henshaw Esqr. Capt. Joseph Jackson, M^r^. Thomas Cushing and Capt. Samuel Hewes, and they or any two of them are impowered to run the line and renew the bound marks between the Towns of Boston & Roxbury accordingly. But if the weather on the said eighteenth day of October should prove wett and apparently unsuitable for the performance of this work, then we do propose to appoint & attend the same on the next day following vizt. on Friday the nineteenth of this ins^t^. October [**352.**] to meet at the place and hour abovementioned.

By order of the Select men
Ezek^L^. Goldthwait Town Clerk

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 18, 1753.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
M^r^. Grant
M^r^. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^r^. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

The Select men of Boston in concert with the Select men of Roxbury attended the Perambulation betwixt the two Towns this day a Report whereof is here Recorded as follows vizt.

Pursuant to Agreement we the Subscribers met at the time and place appointed and run the Line and renewed the antient bound marks between the Town of Boston and the Town of Roxbury [**353.**] beginning at the Mouth of the Creek which opens into the Bay leading to Cambridge and so goes as the Creek runs untill it comes in a range with the fence and trees which parts between John Richardson Esqr's^. land formerly M^r^. Nathaniel Brewer's & Samuel Welles Esqr's^. land formerly called M^r^. Minot's then accross the street or High way 'till it comes to a large Stone standing end way in the fence and from thence to a Stump with an heap of Stones about eighty feet from the highway, and from thence strait to a little knowl upon the edge of the Creek a Corner of the bounds where stands a stake mark'd B on the Easterly & R on the Westerly side, and from thence Easterly as the Creek runs 'till it comes to a stake mark'd B on one side and R on the other in Col^o^. Lamb's

dam, and from thence as the Creek runs into the Bay between Boston & [**354.**] Dorchester. Dated the eighteenth day of October A.D. 1753.

JOHN STEEL SAM^L^. GRANT THOMAS HILL JOSHUA HENSHAW JOSEPH JACKSON THOMAS CUSHING SAMUEL HEWES	Select men of Boston
EBEN^R^. PEIRPOINT SAMUEL HEATH INCREASE SUMMER	Select men of Roxbury

Mem^o^. but 5 Selectmen in Roxbury this Year.

At a Meeting of the Select men, October 29th. 1753.

Present
M^r^. Grant
M^r^. Hill
Capt. Jackson
M^r^. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

Ordered that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood [**355.**] which is computed as follows vizt.

	l.	oz.	dr.
Of penny White Loaf		8 -	11
Wheaten		13 -	0½
House hold	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny White Loaf	1 -	1 -	6
Wheaten	1 -	10 -	1
House hold	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny Wheaten Loaf	4 -	14 -	3
Household	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf	9 -	12 -	6
House hold	13 -	0 -	8

Mem^o^. On the seventeenth day of September last M^r^. Benjamin Dolbeare one of the Heirs and Executor of the last Will and Testament of his Father M^r^. John Dolbeare deceased, delivered possession of the Buildings erected on the Town's land at the head of the Dock by said John Dolbeare according to a lease made to him by the Town the 31st of May 1737, and he then gave a Receipt (which is now in the possession of M^r^. Treasurer Jeffries) of which the following is a Copy [**356.**] vizt

Boston, September 17th. 1753

Received of David Jeffries Treasurer of the Town of Boston Two hundred pounds lawful money in full for the brick house at the Town Dock so called, built by my late Father John Dolbeare of said Boston deceased now in the occupation of M^r^. William Gray, which brick house was as by written Agreement, to revert to the said Town of Boston upon their payment of such Money as

s^d^. brick house should be apprized at, and having received said Two hundred Pounds in full of such Apprizement. I the Subscriber have this day delivered said David possession of said Brick house in behalf of the Town of Boston.

BENJAMIN DOLBEARE Execut^r^.

We the Subscribers being of lawful Age do testify that being entred into the abovementioned Brick house in the occupation of Mr William Gray abovementioned at the desire of the above named Benj^a^. Dolbeare [**357.**] Executor as aforesaid, and of David Jeffries Treasurer of the Town of Boston as aforesaid, did see the said Benjamin Dolbeare Executor deliver the said David possession of said brick house in behalf of said Town of Boston of which transaction the said Benjamin and David desired us to take notice as.

Witnesses thereof,

BENJ^A^. GRAY
JOSEPH WEBB jun^r^.

Suffolk ss. Boston, October 20th. 1753

This day personally appeared before me the Subscriber the above named Benj^a^. Gray and Joseph Webb jun^r^. & made Oath to the truth of the above written Testimony or Deposition by them signed.

Before me
THOMAS HUBBARD Jus Peace

[**358.**] At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^r^ 7th 1753.

Present
John Steel Esqr.
Mr. Grant
M^r^. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr
Capt. Jackson
M^r^. Cushing

Ordered that the Town Clerk issue forth a Warrant directed to the Constables of Boston, in His Majestys Name requiring them forthwith to warn all the Freeholders and other Inhabitants of the Town of Boston duly qualified and rateable at twenty pounds Estate to a single rate (beside the pole) to Convene at Faneuil-Hall on Friday the sixteenth day of November current at ten o'Clock in the forenoon then and there to choose two Collectors of Taxes for the present year in the room of Messrs. Joseph Russell and Hopestill Foster who were choose in March last but refuse to serve, to receive the Reports of the Town's Committee relating [**359.**] to their Lands near Oliver's Dock, and act upon all such matters and things as stand referr'd over to said Meeting.

At a Meeting of the Select men, Novem^r^. 14th. 1754.

Present
M^r^. Grant
M^r^. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.

Capt. Jackson
Mr. Cushing

The Proprietors of the Lands near the Fortification entred into an Agreement with the Selectmen on the thirteenth inst. about the highway there, which is here recorded and is as follows vizt.

Whereas Daniel Oliver Joseph Prout Thomas Cushing Daniel Powning Francis Thresher Stephen Minot & Oliver Noyes Select men of the Town of Boston for the year [360.] One Thousand seven hundred and eight, by their deed dated the thirty first day of January in the same year pursuant to a Vote of the Town enabling them thereunto, did Grant and Confirm unto Samuel Phillips David Jeffries and others their Associates and Assigns forever, all the Upland Beach Flatts to low water mark & meadow ground lying on both sides of the highway within the Fortification at the Southerly part of Boston aforesaid) leading towards Roxbury, saving the breadth of forty eight feet for the Highway, extending from the Northerly end of the pasture land formerly John Bennett's on the Easterly side, and the land of Daniel Epes on the Westerly side as far Southerly towards Roxbury to twenty four feet beyond the Pavement on said Highway, which said Grant & Conveyance was made on the Conditions following, vizt.

That the said Samuel Phillips and others their Associates and Assigns should secure the said Highway [359.] and finish securing the same in two years and a half from the date of the Grant, also from time to time and at all times forever after secure and keep off the Sea from both sides the Highway so far as to prevent the Tides flowing over, coming to or any ways damnifying or hurting the Highway from one end thereof to the other with other things mentioned in said Deed to be by them done and performed, as by said Deed (reference thereto being had) will more fully appear. And whereas the Associates and Assigns of the said Samuel Phillips and others the Original Grantees have not secured and kept off the Sea from both sides said highway nor prevented the Tides overflowing the same but great damage has been done to said Highway and the pavement thereof by their neglect herein and not complying with the Conditions of the [360.] Grant aforesaid, so that the Town of Boston aforesaid at a Court of General Sessions of the Peace held at Boston in October last were presented for not keeping said Highway in good Repair, which Presentment now stands good in said Court.

This Writing therefore Witnesseth that we the Subscribers for ourselves and the Associates and Assigns of the said Samuel Phillips and others the Original Grantees do hereby promise & agree to and with the present Select men of the Town of Boston aforesaid vizt.

John Steel Esqr. Sam. Grant Thomas Hill Joshua Henshaw Esqr. Joseph Jackson Thomas Cushing and Saml. Hewes that we will within the space of Six Months from the date hereof sufficiently & effectually secure and keep off the Sea from said highway and prevent the Tides over flowing the same from one end thereof unto the other the same to be done to the satisfaction of said Selectmen or a Major part of them, and [361.] that we will also pay

all such Damages as the Highway or presentment aforesaid may have sustained by the Tides over flowing the same, together with all such Costs and Damages as may arise to said Town of Boston by their being presented as aforesaid, and also compleat the Pavement the said Grantees were obliged to do when we shall be requested thereto by said Select men

Witness our hands

JOSHUA WINSLOW
Novem^r. 13. 1753 JOB LEWIS
JOHN WELCH

Voted, that M^r. John Jenkins be and here by is appointed public Cryer within the Town of all money Goods & Things lost, & he is ordered to keep an exact account of all such Money Goods & Things he shall Cry the time when and the person that shall employ him to cry the same and return [**362.**] such account to the Town Clerk once in three months.

At a Meeting of the Select men, November 26, 1753.

Present

M^r. Grant
M^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^r. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post up an Assize of Bread at the rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows Viz^t.

		l.	oz.	dr.
	Of penny White Loaf - - -		8 -	11
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	House hold - - -	1 -	1 -	6
	Six penny White Loaf - - -	1 -	1 -	6
	Wheaten - - - -	1 -	10 -	1
	House hold - - -	2 -	2 -	12
[**363.**]	Six penny Wheaten Loaf - -	4 -	14 -	13
	House hold - - -	6 -	8 -	4
	Twelve penny Wheaten Loaf -	9 -	12 -	6
	House hold - -	13 -	0 -	8

At a Meeting of the Select men, Decr. 31st. 1753.

Present

John Steel Esqr.
M^r. Grant
M^r. Hill
Joshua Henshaw Esqr.
Capt. Jackson
M^r. Cushing
Capt. Hewes

Ordered, that the Town Clerk post upon Assize of Bread at the

rate of five shillings p. Bushell for Wheat, and four pence p. Bushell is allowed to the Bakers for their Charges pains and Livelihood, which is Computed as follows vizt.

		l.	oz.	dr.
[**364.**] Of penny	White Loaf - - - - - -		8 -	11
	Wheaten - - - - - - -		13 -	0½
	House hold - - - - - -	1 -	1 -	6
Two penny	White Loaf - - - - -	1 -	1 -	6
	Wheaten - - - - -	1 -	10 -	1
	House hold - - - - -	2 -	2 -	12
Six penny	Wheaten Loaf - - - -	4 -	14 -	3
	House hold - - - - -	6 -	8 -	4
Twelve penny	Wheaten Loaf - - -	9 -	12 -	6
	House hold - - -	12 -	0 -	8

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